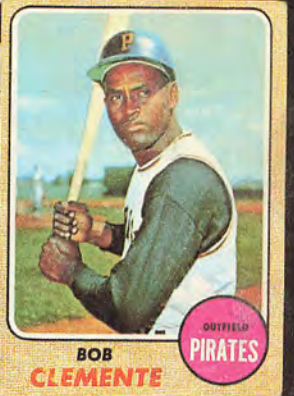




# The Pirates OFFICIAL 77th Year Book





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## Pittsburgh Pirates Owners

The Pirate owners are justifiably proud of the family-like atmosphere that exists among their ballplayers and within their front office. This rapport is not a coincidence, for no owners are more solicitous about the future of Baseball or more personally interested in their personnel. The Galbreaths—Chairman of the Board, John and President, Dan are frequent “commuters” between their homes in Columbus, Ohio and Three Rivers Stadium; and their determination to build a winner permeates their organization. Their interest in sports spills over into the field of horseracing, their Darby Dan Farm having produced two Kentucky Derby

winners — Chateaugay in 1963 and Proud Clarion in 1967. Another horse, Roberto, named after Clemente, was the 1972 English Derby winner; and Little Current won both the Belmont and the Preakness in 1974 wearing the Galbreath colors.

Tom Johnson, the ball club’s Vice-President and Secretary is a noted Pittsburgh attorney. He negotiates the Pirates’ radio-television contracts and his law firm of Kirkpatrick, Lockhart, Johnson and Hutchison represents the ball club in legal matters. His two sons, James and Tom Jr. are also Directors of the Pirates.



Joe O'Toole



Harding Peterson

## Vice-Presidents

The retirement of General Manager Joe L. Brown resulted in a complete reorganization of the Pirate front office. Fortunately, capable, experienced people were available to assume the responsibility. Joe O'Toole, assistant Pirate General Manager for twenty years, was named Vice-President, Business Administration and Harding Peterson, Pirate Scouting and Minor League Director under Joe Brown became Vice-President, Player Personnel.

O'Toole's rise to the top in the Pirate organization is indeed a "rags to riches" saga worthy of the most imaginative Hollywood script writer. A graduate of Schenley High School, he started as an errand boy at Forbes Field in the late 30's; and he joined the Pirate organization officially in 1946. He was sent to New Orleans by General Manager Roy Hamey in 1949 to be Travel-

ing Secretary and Business Manager; and he was joined there two years later by Joe L. Brown, with whom he had had a previous association with the Pittsburgh Hornets Hockey team. In 1952 O'Toole rejoined the parent club in Pittsburgh in the Public Relations and Promotions Department and he was Ticket Manager from 1953-55 before being named Assistant to the General Manager in 1956.

O'Toole was responsible for the development of Pirate City, the Bucs' million dollar, 49-acre Spring Training facility in Bradenton, Florida; and he was the Pirates' coordinator in the design and construction of Three Rivers Stadium. He and his wife Betty have two sons, Dennis and Gary.

Peterson has spent over 25 years in the Pirate organization as a player, manager, Farm Director and Scouting Director. A native of Fords, New Jer-

sey, and a graduate of Rutgers, where he led the university baseball team to the NCAA College World Series in 1950, he was signed by the Pirates upon his graduation. He spent four years as a Pirate catcher until a broken arm suffered in a homeplate collision hastened his retirement as a player. Peterson managed nine years in the Pirate farm system before moving into the front office in 1967 as Minor League and Scouting Director.

He and his wife Gladys have two children, a daughter, Amy and a son, Eric, who is a pitcher in the Pirate farm system.

O'Toole, the popular extrovert with the business acumen, and the Baseball-oriented Peterson form the ideal team to give the Pirates continued dynamic front-office leadership in their efforts to restore Pirate supremacy in the National League East.

# Manager



## Coaches

Two that had been with him before, a carry-over from the previous Pirate staff and one getting his first coaching job in the majors—this is the make-up of Chuck Tanner's coaching staff.

Tanner brings with him from Oakland veterans Joe Lonnett and Al Monchak, at the same time retaining Jose Pagan from Danny Murtaugh's staff and filling out the quartet with Larry Sherry, who had been the Bucs' minor league pitching coach.

Lonnett, a native of Beaver Falls, Pa. residing in Beaver, has been long-recognized as an excellent third base coach with special skills in developing young catchers. This will be his seventh year as a major league coach after spending 15 seasons as a player in the professional ranks, four as a catcher with the Phillies (1956-59). He also managed in the minors and scouted for the Phils before joining Tanner's staff in 1971 at Chicago and later at Oakland.

Monchak has been Tanner's first base coach and infield instructor since 1971, again with the White Sox and A's. He had a distinguished 17-year minor league career as a second baseman (and 19 games with the Phillies in 1940); and 13 years as a player-manager and manager before his association with the Angels as a scout and farm system instructor from 1962-1970. Monchak's home is Cinnaminson, N.J.

The popular Pagan begins his fourth season as a Pirate coach. Recognized as a fine pressure player and clutch performer with the Giants, Pirates and Phillies from 1959 to 1973, his eighth inning double in the seventh game of the '71 World Series tallied Willie Stargell from first with the run which gave

When a ball club is willing to give up its regular catcher to obtain a manager, then that manager must indeed be someone very special. The Pirates feel this is the case with Chuck Tanner. Last year, despite much turmoil, he led the Oakland A's to a second place finish, 2½ games back of the American League Western Division Champion Kansas City Royals. Prior to that he managed the Chicago White Sox (1971-75) and was named Major League Manager of the Year in 1972 when his team finished a surprising second. An outfielder with the Milwaukee Braves, Chicago Cubs, Cleveland

Indians and Los Angeles Angels, Tanner wasted little time getting into the record books. As a pinch hitter on April 12, 1955 he became only the fourth player in baseball history to hit a home run on the first pitch in his first major league at-bat.

In Tanner, the Pirates see an enthusiastic strategist who believes that a running game breeds excitement, and a respected leader who is a favorite among the players he must motivate. The situation called for a particular breed of person, and the Pirates feel they have him in Chuck Tanner.



Front, l. to r., Mgr. Chuck Tanner, Al Monchak, Larry Sherry. Back, Joe Lonnett, Jose Pagan.

the Bucs the World Championship. Pagan has been a successful Caribbean Winter League manager with Bayamon, P.R. the past three years. He makes his off-season home in Caguas, P.R.

Sherry has been the Bucs' minor league pitching coach the past two seasons after managing at Charleston, S.C., Tucson, Asheville and Mobile. He

began his professional pitching career in 1953 and his major league teams included the Dodgers, Tigers, Astros and Angels. He was named the MVP in the 1959 World Series after relieving in four games, winning two and compiling a 0.71 ERA for the Dodgers against the White Sox. Sherry makes his home in Los Angeles.

# The Lumber

The homerun which is for many fans the epitome of excitement, is also the trademark of the Pirates' "Lumber Company"; but it specializes in the lesser accoutrements as well. Doubles, singles, and triples are also important parts of its repertoire.

All-time Pirate homerun hitter Willie Stargell is the Lumber Company's Chairman of the Board. Going into the 1977 season he has amassed 388 round-trippers, (good for 18th on Baseball's all-time list), including seven of the 18 to land on or clear the right field roof of old Forbes Field and four of the five to reach the rarified atmosphere of the upper deck at Three Rivers Stadium. He is starting his 15th season in the Pirate black and gold; and although at the age of 36, he may be showing some signs of wear and tear, his is still a bat to be reckoned with. 1976 was a traumatic year for Willie. His wife Dolores underwent surgery for the removal of a blood clot on the brain, and her gradual but encouraging recovery and recuperation was and still is a constant concern of the man known as "Gentle Ben." His efforts on behalf of Sickle Cell have made him a Pittsburgh hero, admired and respected both in and out of uniform. "He always gives 110%", says teammate Dave Parker. "His example makes him a leader in the clubhouse." Bob Smizik, baseball writer for the Pittsburgh Press adds, "He's the complete team man. That's part of the beauty of Willie Stargell." To which Pittsburgh Press Sports Editor Pat Livingston adds, "Level-headed and logical, soft-spoken and imperturbable, Stargell fits easily into his role as captain of the Pirates."

Destined for super-stardom as a minor-leaguer, Dave Parker proved that his fine '75 season was no fluke. Despite a mid-season hamstring pull that restricted his mobility, he hit .313 in 1976 with 13 home-runs and a club-leading 90 RBI's. He also was the team leader in triples and his 168 hits earned him a three-way tie for the club lead with Zisk and Rennie Stennett.

Blessed with tremendous strength, Parker, only 25, could develop into one of the game's top long-ball hitters. His teammates and the media share this enthusiasm. Pirate coach Bob Skinner explained, "Potentially, he can be anything he wants to be. He's definitely the best young hitter in the league. The exciting thing about Dave is his complete ability." Post-Gazette baseball writer Charley Feeney observed, "His potential is unlimited and some big league scouts already rank him among the ten best players in the league." The late Luke Quay, of the McKeesport Daily News was also high in his praise of the giant from Cincinnati. "His future is unlimited. At the age of 24 he already is probably the best right fielder in Baseball with excellent range, outstanding speed and a powerful, accurate throwing arm. But his bat is his biggest asset. He is one of those rare players with the speed to beat out infield hits and the power to hit the ball out of the park in any direction. And in between, he

sprays line drives to every part of the field." Perhaps Parker himself says it best. "Someday I think I'll be the Stargell in the batting order. You know, the guy the rest depend on to come through."

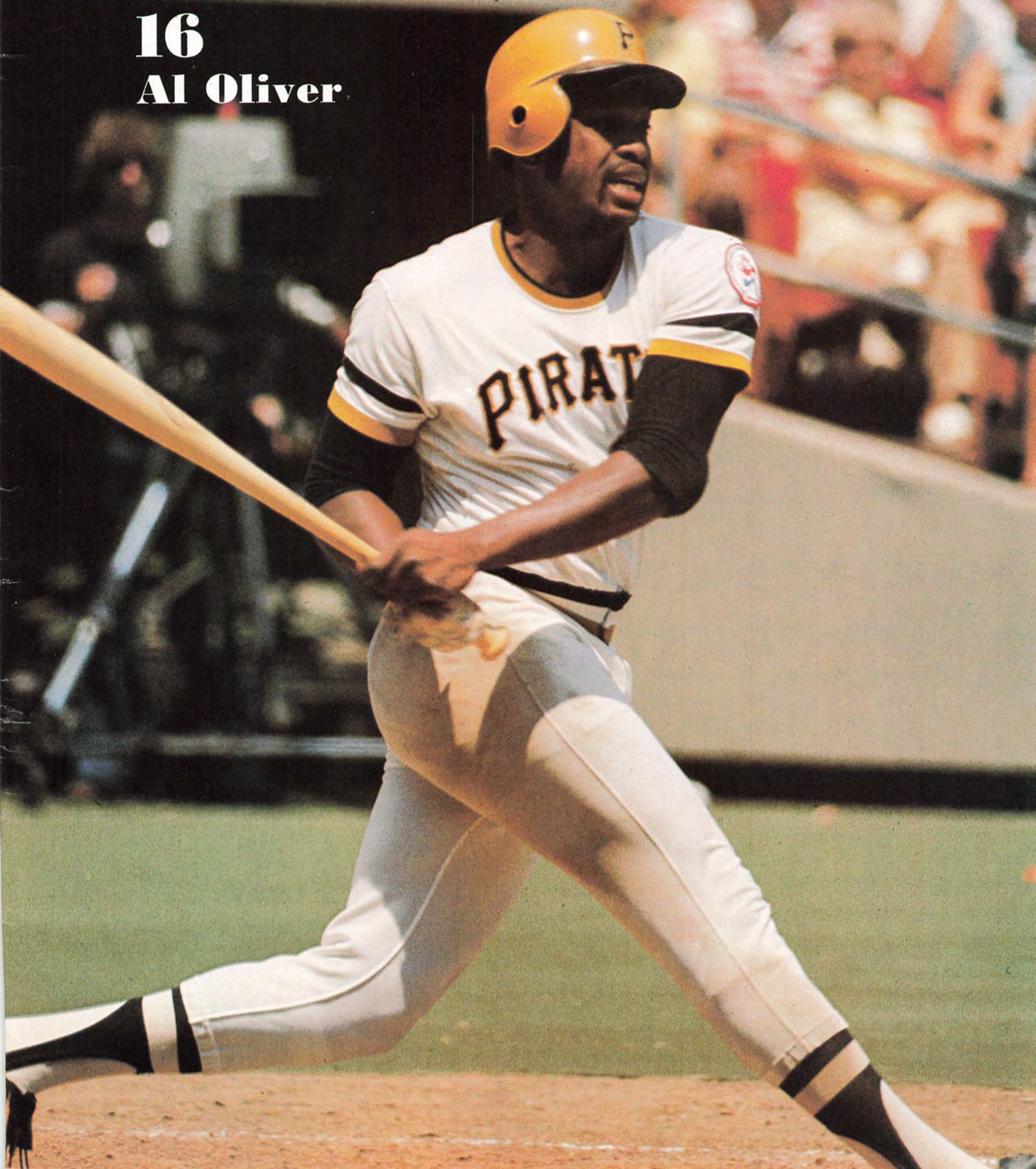
Al Oliver led the league in hitting during much of the season to finish with .323 (and boost his lifetime average to a gaudy .295), but an inner ear infection sidelined him during the latter stages of the season. During one stretch in late June, he went 22 for 29 to boost his average to a season high of .373. Cincinnati coach Ted Kluszewski, whose knowledge of hitting is more than perfunctory, praised Al's style. "He and Steve Garvey have the best forms of any hitters in the National League. Al has no hitch or hand movement until he starts his swing." Reds' manager, Sparky Anderson adds, "Oliver gives the Pirates a consistency. He can hit the long ball and he gets the hits that keep a rally going or start one. He's not the kind of a guy you can pitch around or get out easy. Oliver makes you work to get him out. A lot of their (the Pirates') offense rests with Oliver. He has pride in what he's doing and it sets the pace for the team. I'd have to say he's a leader—I like him." Danny Murtaugh always referred to Al as "my setter-upper. He firsts and thirds for me and keeps things going. Al's a hustler." A dedicated professional who prides himself on being in top condition, Al began working out for 1977 the day after the '76 season ended. "Maybe some guys are complacent, but I never have that problem," says Al. "I just like to play Baseball. Every time you're up there it's a challenge of batter against pitcher and I'm always up for that. I guess it boils down to a matter of pride."

Voted the Pirates' Most Valuable Player by his teammates, super sub Bill Robinson had an outstanding year. Originally pegged for part-time duty, Bill ended up playing in more games than Oliver, Sanguillen or Stargell; and he kept the Pirates in contention with his hot bat. Robinson tied for the club lead with 21 homeruns and he hit over .300 for the first time in his major league career. He was especially devastating against his former team—the Phillies. Playing in 17 games against them, he hit .337 with four homers, 16 RBI's and three game-winning hits. At the age of 33, he still feels capable of a regular starter's role in the outfield or at third base. "A fellow like Robinson can do so many things," Tanner said, "that you can't judge his value on paper. He adds versatility to our team and he's been around long enough to adjust to situations."

The acquisition of Phil Garner on March 15 solidified the Pirate ball club. Chuck Tanner had managed Garner at Oakland and had been impressed with his "came to play" attitude and his clutch hitting. A scrappy, exciting ballplayer in the "Pete Rose" tradition, the 26-year old infielder hit .261 in 1976 with 12 triples, 35 stolen bases and 74 RBI's.

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**Al Oliver**



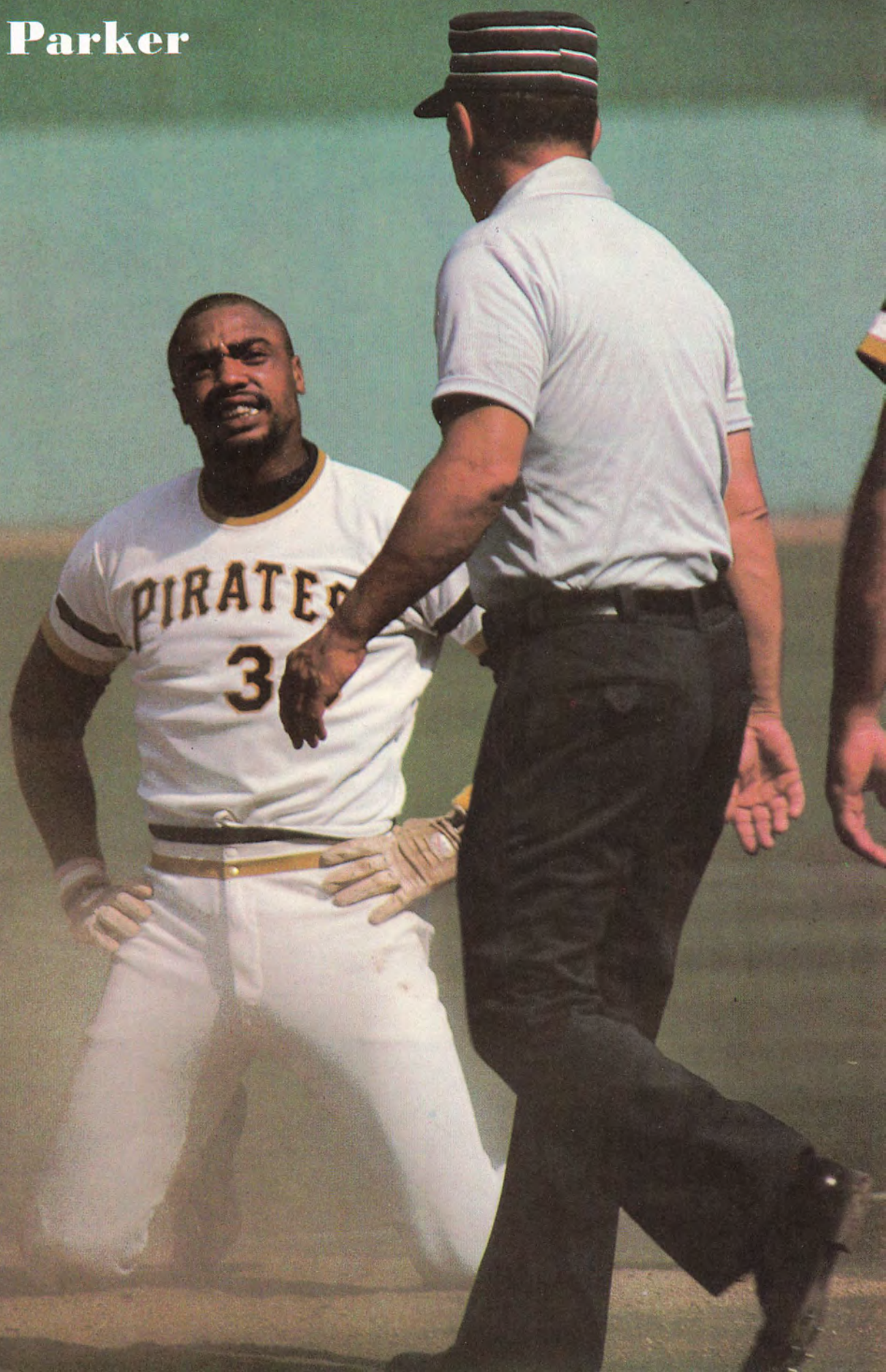


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Willie Stargell

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**Dave Parker**



A full-page photograph of a baseball player, Bill Robinson, in a batting stance. He is wearing a white Pittsburgh Pirates uniform with black and gold accents, a gold helmet, and is holding a bat. The background shows a blurred crowd in the stands.

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**Bill Robinson**

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**Phil Garner**





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# The Lightning

WTAE's Myron Cope dubbed him "the Pittsburgh Stealer" and the name became synonymous for all the speedsters who were adding a new dimension to the Pirate attack with 130 stolen bases—the most by a Pirate team in over 50 years; but Frank Taveras provided the biggest surprise. The wiry Dominican had a history of stolen bases; but he was plagued by the old adage, "You can't steal if you don't reach first base." Well, Frankie found ways to reach base in 1976 as he walked 44 times and batted a respectable .258 thanks to his improved aggressiveness and to a more level swing which enabled him to make more contact resulting in more ground balls. Once on base he took off to steal 58 times, being caught on only eleven occasions. The 58 steals (27 in a row) were third best in the National League and the most by a Pirate player since Max Carey pilfered a club record 63 in 1916. Maury Wills, who had given Taveras some valuable base-stealing tips, stated, "He has tremendous talent and ability. He can be a super-star—The National League's All-Star shortstop." Bob Smizik of the Pittsburgh Press capsuled, "Frank Taveras—excellent speed, brilliant base-stealer, good batting average, offensive igniter, maybe the team's most valuable player."

Dave Parker added 19 steals to his impressive armament, his combination of speed and power making him an awesome offensive threat.

Rennie Stennett contributed 18 stolen bases to the Pirate attack. A wild-swinging, "hit-to-all-fields" type batter, Rennie had 60 RBI's, but it was on defense that he won special respect. An agile, co-ordinated athlete, Rennie made one spectacular play after another; and he was an expert on the double play relay.

Displaying the most range of any second baseman in Baseball, his uncanny off-balance throws constantly retired batters who had already assumed an improvement in their batting average. Reds' manager Sparky Anderson pays Rennie Baseball's supreme compliment: "If I could take any two men—I'm not talking about my own players—who give 100% all the time, I'd pick Rick Monday and Rennie Stennett. They never quit. We can be beating Pittsburgh 5-1 or some score like that, and Stennett will be out there talking to the pitcher, doing something, trying any way he can to help his ball club."

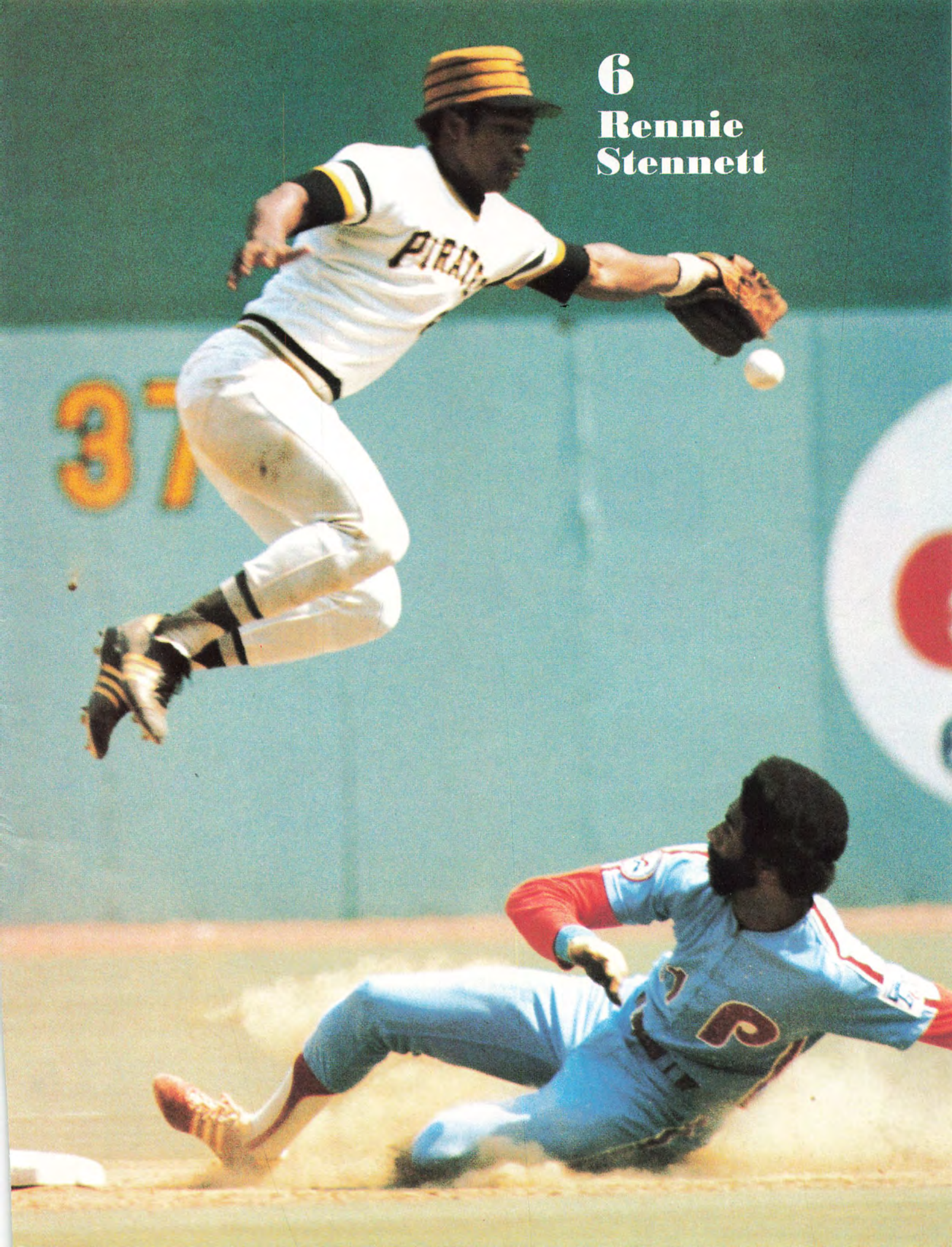
"Go-Go-Go Moreno" flashed the Three Rivers Stadium scoreboard on numerous occasions in 1976, and more often than not, Omar went. Perhaps the fastest man on the ball club, he pilfered 15 bases in limited action for the Bucs after swiping 55 earlier in the season at Charleston. He also stung the ball with power, hitting a respectable .270; and subbing in center field for the ailing Al Oliver, the 24-year-old covered as much ground as any outfielder in the league.

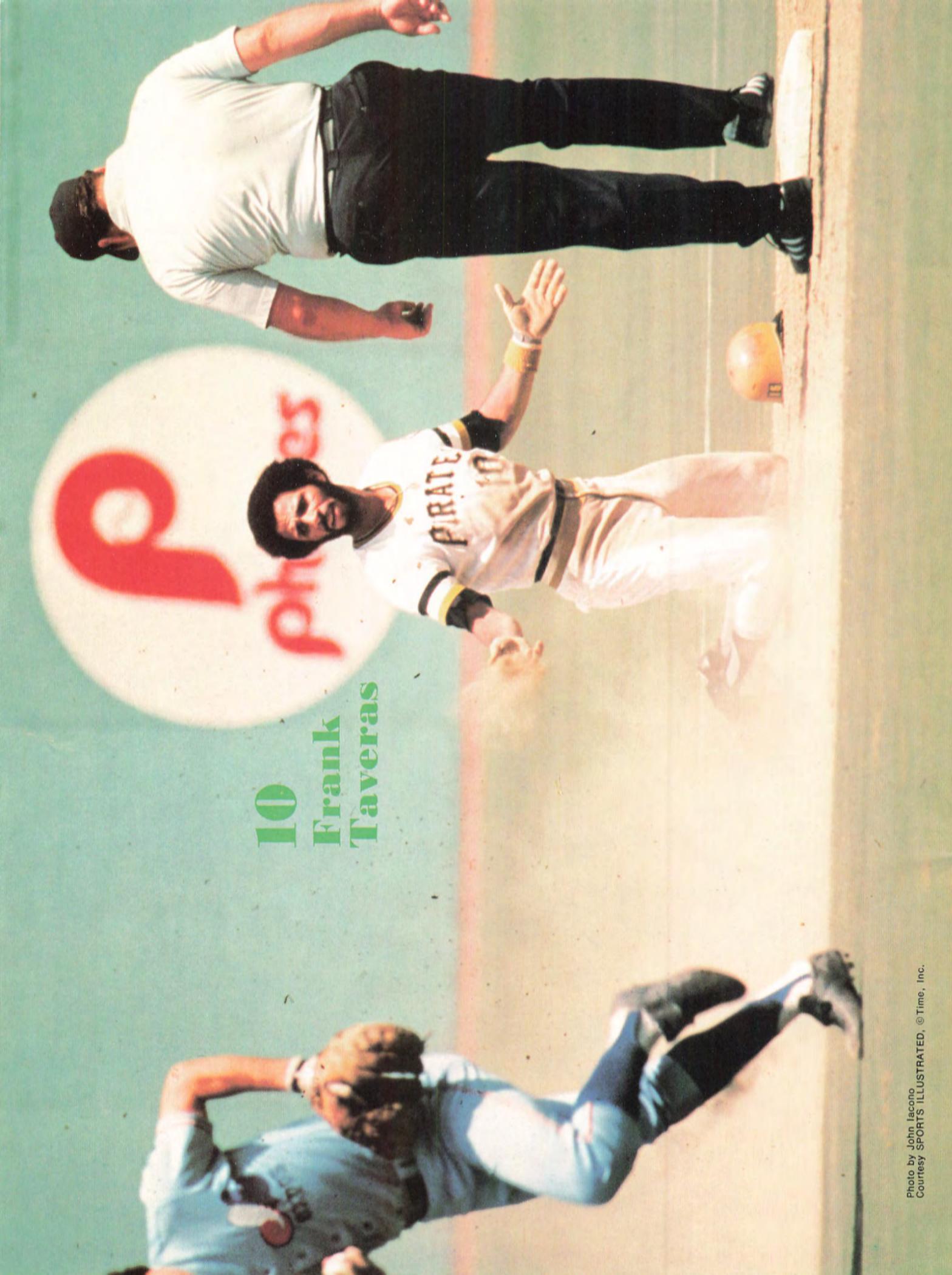
For years outfielder Miguel Dilone has been billed as one of the speediest in the Pirate organization, and he may finally get his major league opportunity in 1977. He led the International League with 61 steals while hitting .336 for the Charlies, and he was five for six on the base paths for the Bucs in 16 games at the close of last season. One of the outstanding young (22) prospects in Baseball, Dilone too has a great future.

Newly acquired Phil Garner should fit right in with Tanner's running game. He swiped 35 bases for the A's last season.



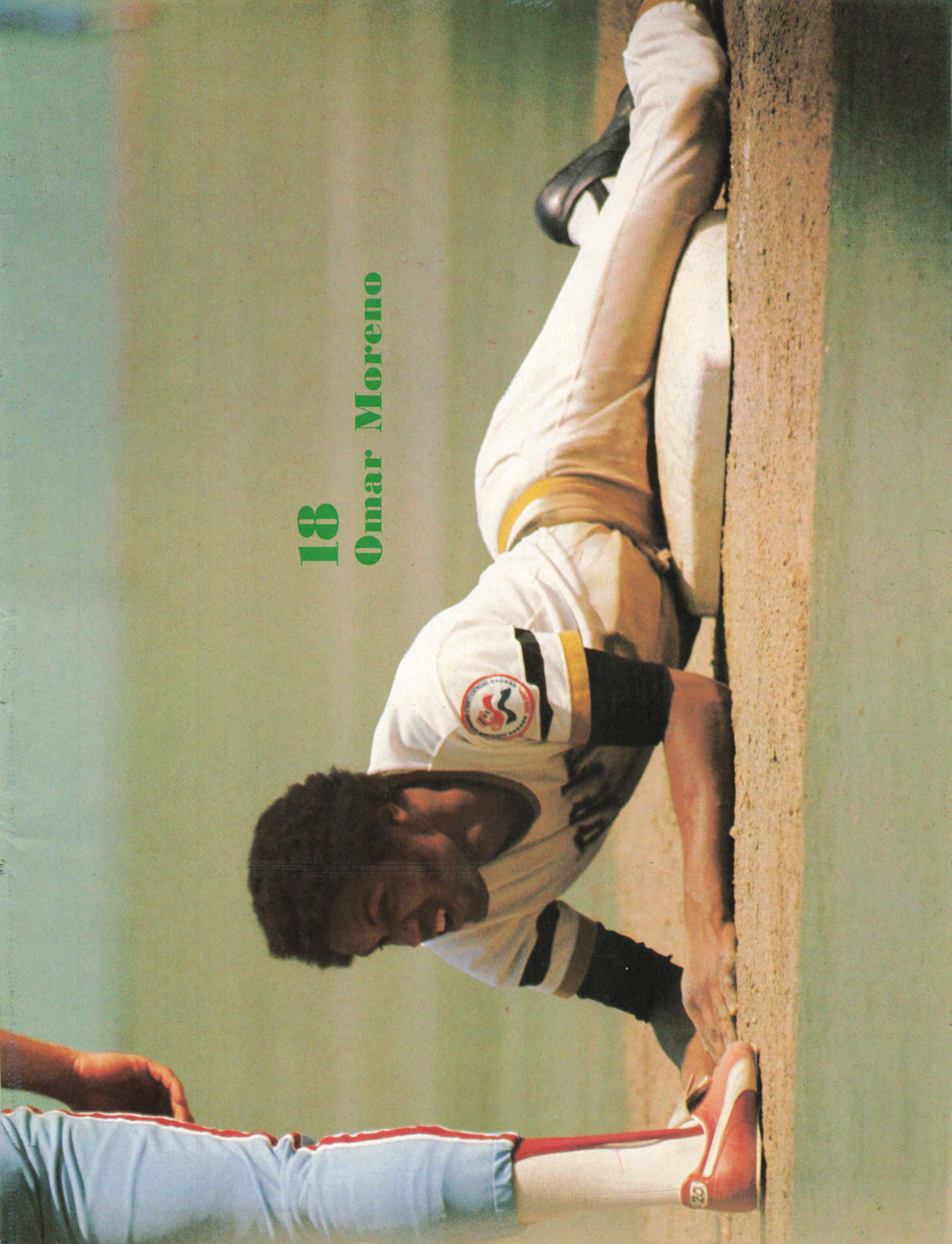
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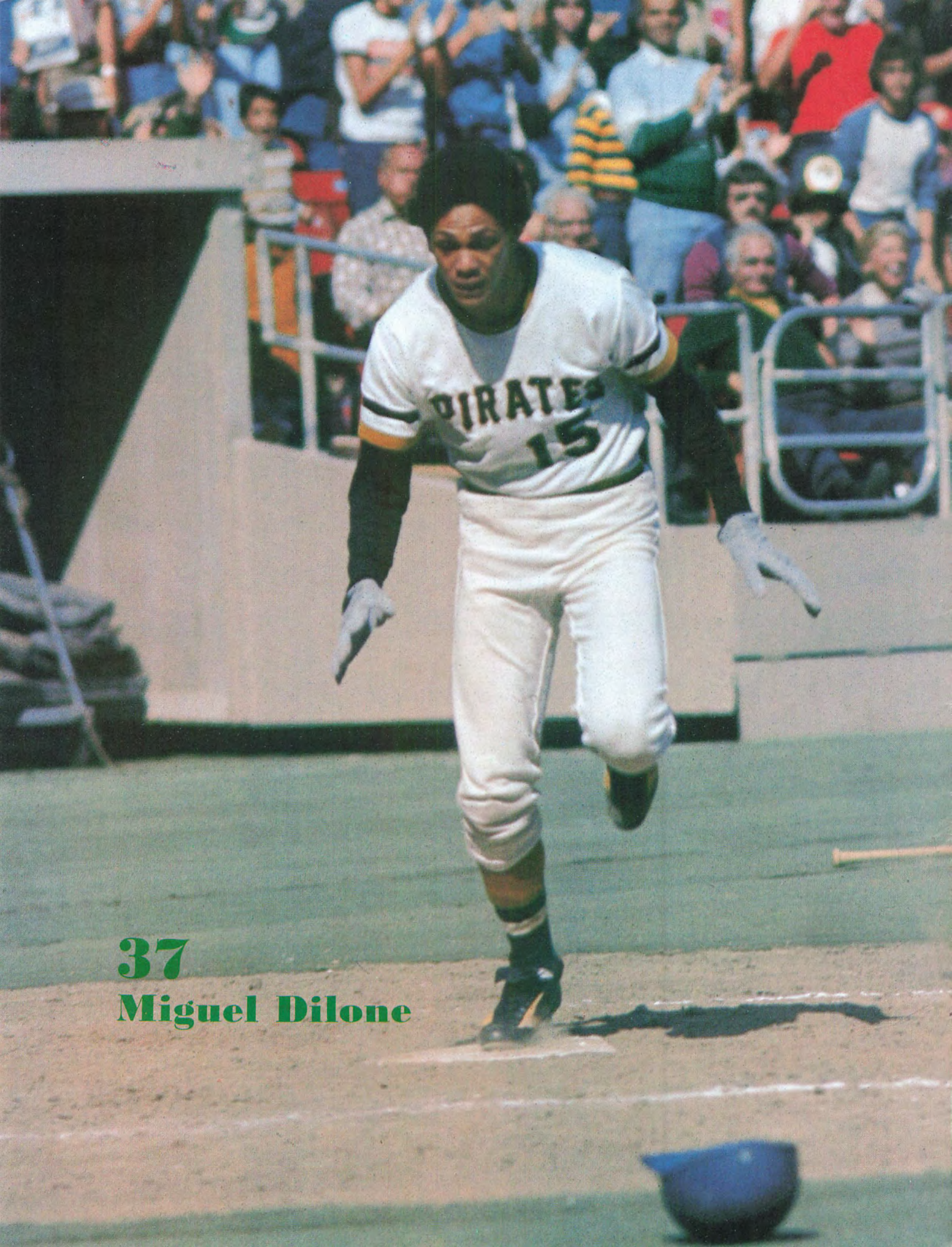




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**Miguel Dilone**

# Ticket and Game Information

## Game Times

Night Games (Monday thru Thursday)	7:35 P.M.
Friday Night Games	8:05 P.M.
Saturday Night Games	7:05 P.M.
Two-Night Doubleheaders	6:05 P.M.
Doubleheaders	1:05 P.M.
Opening Day and Sunday	
Single Games	1:35 P.M.
Saturday Afternoon Games	2:15 P.M.
July 4th Doubleheader	10:35 A.M.
Business Men's Special	12:35 P.M.

## Ticket Prices

Box Seats	\$5.00
Reserved Seats	3.50
General Admission	2.00
Youth Tickets (14 and under)	1.00

(NOTE: All General Admission tickets are priced at \$2.00 for Opening Day and all Special Promotion Days.)

Prices include stadium charge.

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# 1977 Schedule

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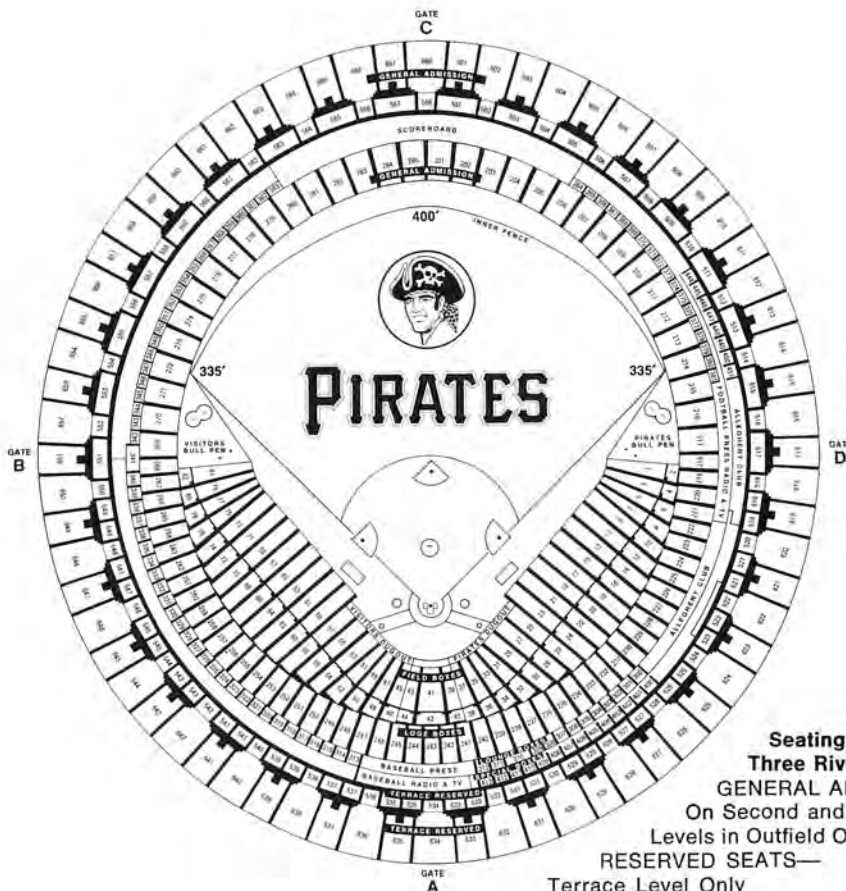
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## In the Booth...

The Hamilton-Frattare broadcast team will be behind the KDKA mikes again in 1977. **Milo Hamilton** came to Pittsburgh from Atlanta, where he was the "Voice of the Braves" since 1966. Earlier in his career he did play-by-play for the St. Louis Browns, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox. His broadcast of Hank Aaron's 715th home run is the highlight of his 26 years as a major league announcer. He and his wife Arlene have a daughter, Patti Joy and a son, Mark, a Junior at Georgia Tech.

His partner in the booth is **Lanny Frattare**, who like so many of the current Pirates, earned his spurs with the Charleston Charlies as their play-by-play announcer. A Rochester, N.Y. native, Lanny also was the announcer for the Rochester Americans hockey team. Lanny and his wife, Elizabeth, have a son, David.



Milo Hamilton



Lanny Frattare

## and In the Clubhouse...

Pirates' Traveling Secretary **Charley Muse** has many qualities, not the least of which is his versatility. His background with the Pirates runs the gamut from minor league player and manager to Director of Stadium Operations and from scout and batting helmet manufacturer to Ticket Director. In his new role as Traveling Secretary, he has the responsibility for hotel reservations, transportation, player meal money, visas and passports, player tickets, rooming lists and road statistics.

The Pirates are equally fortunate in having an extremely competent and dedicated team "behind the scenes." Trainer **Tony Bartirome** can identify with the ailing athletes. He was the Pirate first baseman in 1952, when he established a club record by not grounding into a single double play during the entire season. Tony played professionally for 11 years and he coached for the Pirates' AAA Columbus (Ohio) affiliate, becoming the Bucs'

trainer in 1963.

Equipment manager **John Hallahan** has been on the job at Forbes Field and Three Rivers Stadium for 36 years, starting as the visiting club batboy in 1941. John's responsibilities now include maintaining the Pirate locker room, packing and shipping all the equipment to and from Spring Training and throughout the season, and constantly providing the players with clean, well-fitting uniforms.

Team physician, **Dr. Joseph Finegold** has been administering to Pirate players and to the Pirate family for 31 years. A native Pittsburgher and a graduate of the University of Maryland, "Dr. Joe" is on the staffs of Presbyterian, Montefiore and Allegheny General Hospitals, and the Central Medical Pavilion and he is a professor of oral surgery at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine. He is past-president of Major League Baseball's Physicians Association.



Charley Muse



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# The Starters

A tall basketball player from Brooklyn was the Pirates' top hurler in 1976. 23-year-old John Candelaria's 16-7 record was the high mark on the staff; and he enhanced an already established reputation on August 9 when he hurled a no-hitter against the Dodgers to become the first Pirate pitcher ever to pitch a no-hit, no-run game in Pittsburgh. He also led the Pirate pitchers with four shutouts and 138 strikeouts, and he had the distinction of defeating every team in the league at least once last season. Super at times, John's one problem was a lack of consistency, often attributable to a chronic back problem. Dodger catcher Steve Yeager was high in his praise of the "Candy Man." "That Candelaria is really something. He throws hard and has excellent control. He has all the qualities it takes to be a super pitcher. He's big and strong and a fierce competitor. He's going to have a helluva career."

Jim Rooker's 15-8 record didn't come easy. The big lefthander battled the opposition tooth and nail every inch of the way, keeping his team in the game and often contributing on offense. Possessed with a good arm and a strong body, Jim can retire hitters from either side of the plate and he seemed to become a better pitcher as the season wore on. Despite his many accomplishments, Jim still has an unfulfilled ambition. "Ever since I started playing Baseball, I've always thought of one thing. I want to play in a World Series." Jim prides himself on being a pretty fair hitter. He tops all current Pirate hurlers with five home runs.

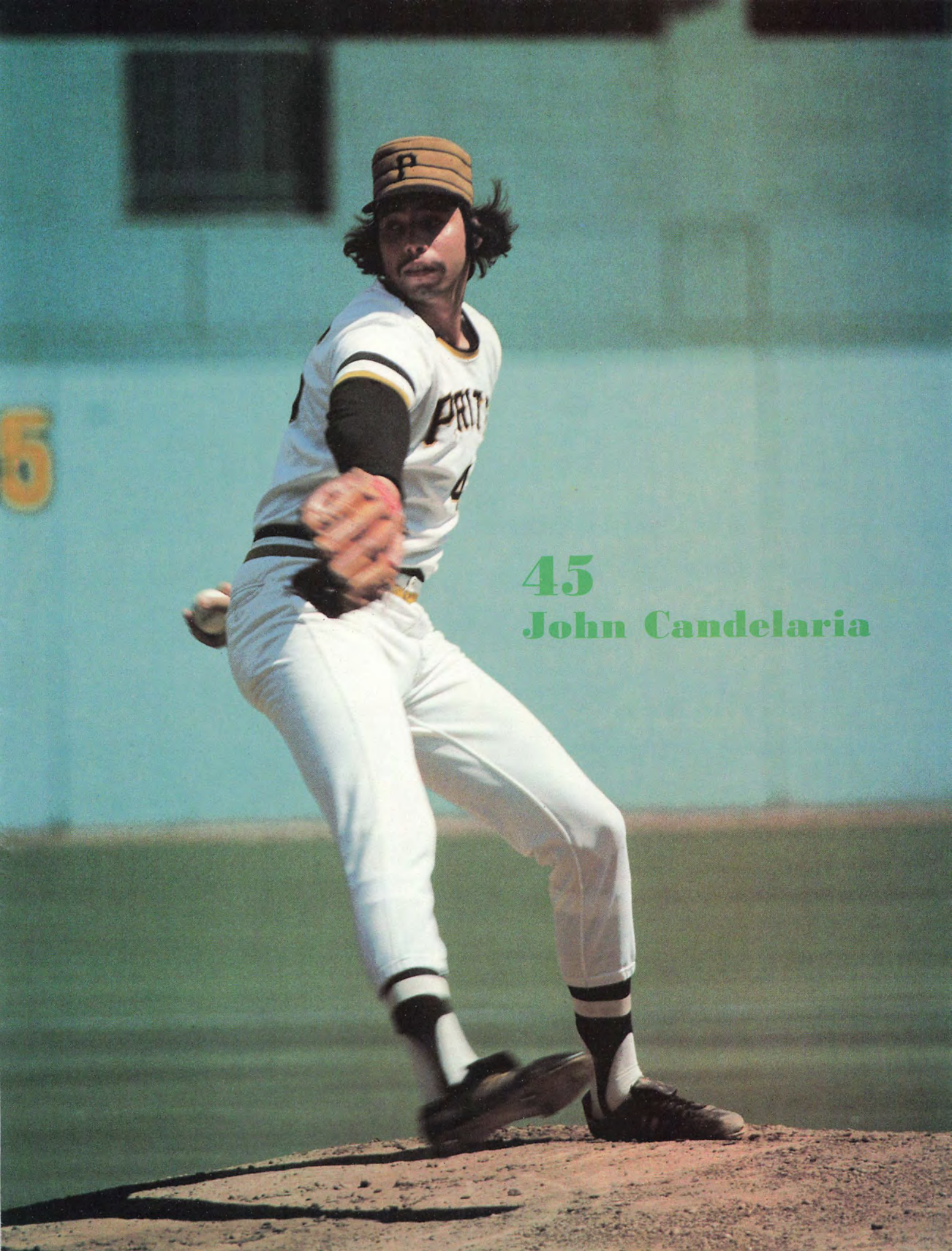
Jerry Reuss also seems to improve with age. The blond, mustachioed hurler with the fine arm was 14-9

in '76 and he is definitely a potential 20-game winner. There were days during the 1976 season when Jerry was unbeatable—his goals in 1977 will be to strive for more consistency and to cut down on the 16 home runs he surrendered to opposing batters last season. At the age of 27, he should still have many good years ahead of him, especially if he maintains his present pitching philosophy. "The key is for me to treat each ball game as though the score is nothing to nothing so that I have to bear down on every pitch."

"Buster" Kison enjoyed his finest season in 1976, winning 14 while dropping nine and establishing himself as a regular in the starting rotation. He was the Bucs' most consistent hurler last season and his 3.08 ERA was the lowest among all Pirate starters. Utilizing a whip-like delivery reminiscent of Ewell Blackwell, Bruce is especially effective against right handed hitters, and he is still improving. Displaying a fine arm which responds well, he has mastered control of his pitches as he continues to learn more about the game. Don Osborn, Pirate pitching coach last season was an enthusiastic Kison booster. "He has it all—confidence, maturity and just plain talent." To which Pittsburgh Press baseball writer Bob Smizik adds, "He's as nice a man as you'd like to know."

Larry Demery's fine showing as a spot starter in 1976 may win him consideration for a regular starter's berth in 1977. Beginning 15 of the 36 games in which he appeared, Demery posted a 10-7 record with two saves. Possessing the best fast ball on the staff at the age of 23, Larry also was getting his breaking stuff over more consistently in 1976.

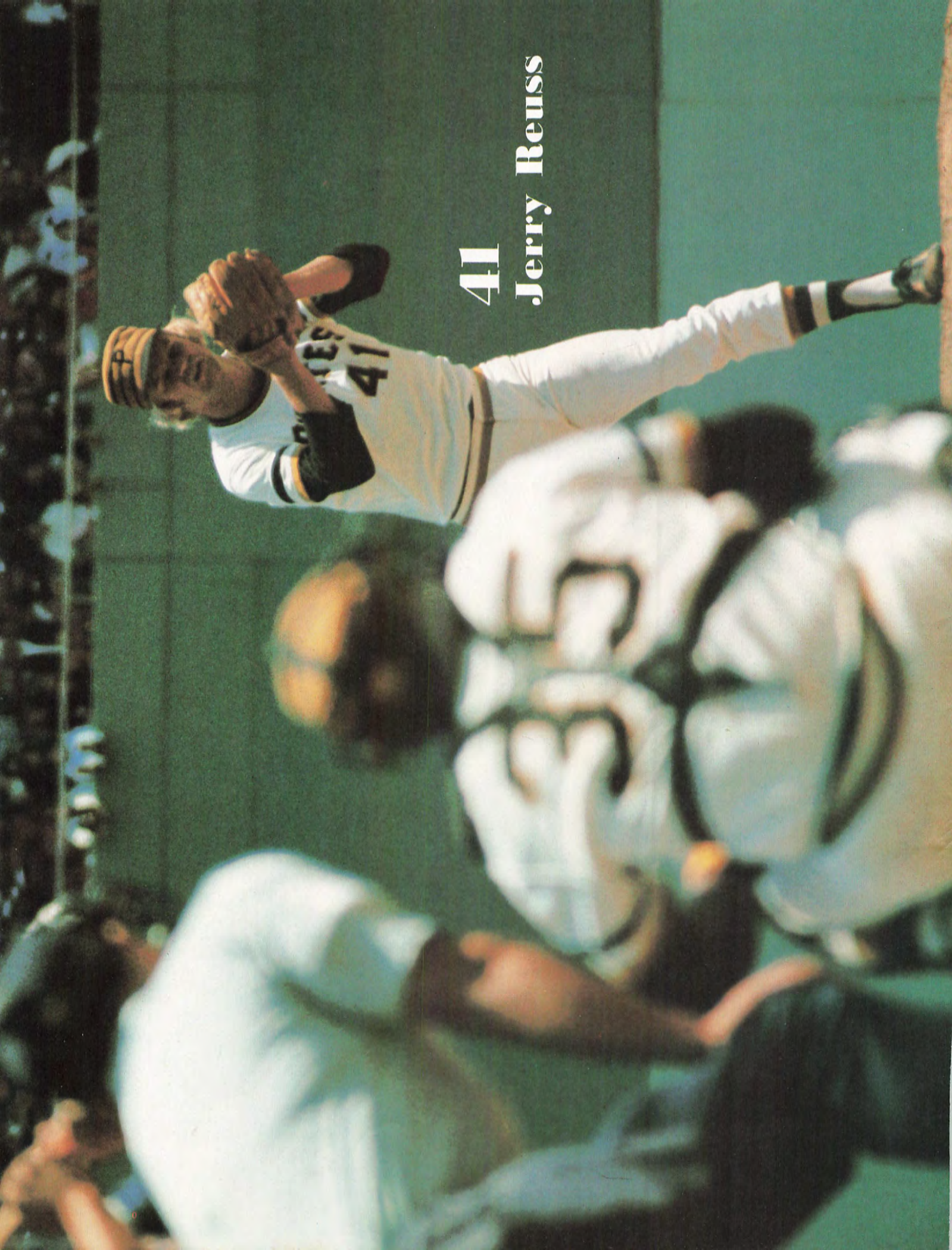




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**John Candelaria**

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**Bruce Kison**

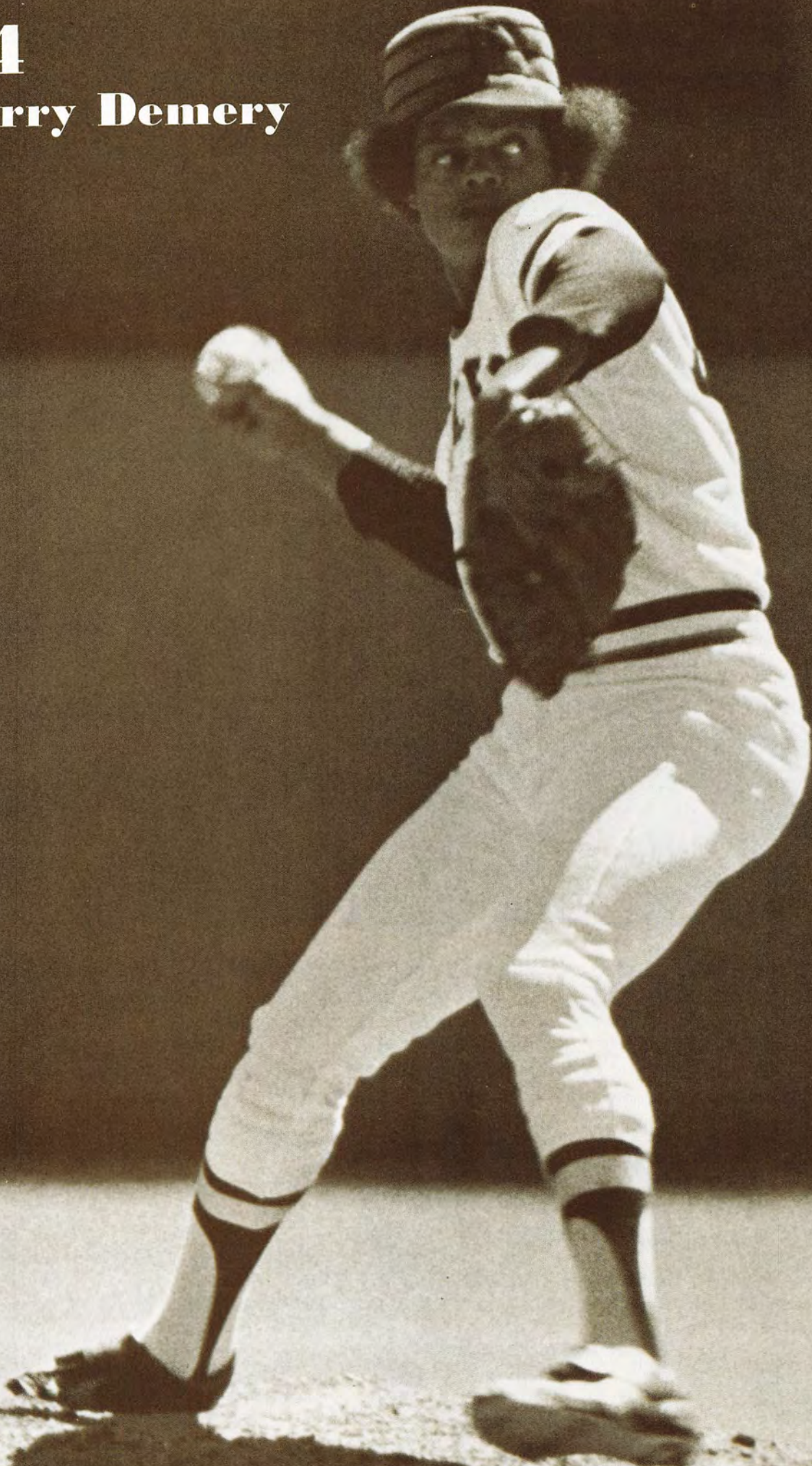


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## The Pirates— Part of the Community

The Pirates pay more than mere “lip service” to community involvement. Pictured here are some of the activities in which Pirate personnel have become involved in their continuing efforts to make Pittsburgh “Someplace Special.”

Willie Stargell’s annual celebrity bowling tournament is a major fund-raiser for the fight against Sickle Cell disease. He received the Brian Piccolo Award in 1976 in recognition of his humanitarian interests.

Al Oliver did his part for the Backyard Fairs, sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Al is also active in the Big Brothers Program and he is on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny County YMCA.

Coinboard Chairman Doc Medich joined poster child David Carrington in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. George was also an honorary chairman of the Epilepsy Foundation’s annual fund-raiser.

Bill Robinson is Chairman of the Lupus Society—an organization mobilized to fight Lupus Erythematosus, a rheumatic disease that strikes the body’s connective tissues. Pictured here are the Society’s Chairpersons—Bill Robinson, Nancy Smith and Anita Jackson.



Bill Robinson, Nancy Smith  
and Anita Jackson



Doc Medich and David Carrington



Al Oliver



Willie Stargell

# 1976 Was Not Without Its Sadness

Tragedy struck the Pirate Family on 4 occasions in 1976-'77. Danny Murtaugh, who had retired as manager at season's end, suffered a stroke and passed away on December 2. Unassuming, dedicated and sincerely interested in others, his death was mourned throughout the Baseball World. Atlanta (Ga.) Journal Sports Editor, Furman Bisher, paid tribute to an old friend.

## The Little Man's Man

Furman Bisher  
Sports Editor, Atlanta Journal  
Dec. 8, 1976

Neighbors and some of the old gang drove down to the John Carr Funeral Home in Chester, Pa., Monday morning to say their goodbys to Danny Murtaugh. It wasn't the kind of funeral that brings the nation to a halt. Cameras weren't posted outside to relay the last grim detail to every parlor.

I doubt if Jerry Ford even thought to wire his regrets.

Danny wasn't the kind who showed up dressed in leather garments or Edwardian shirts. Never owned a mink jacket or bought a diamond earring—except for Mrs. Murtaugh. The clothes he wore he bought off the rack. He used a tailor only for alterations. He did have a shape with a lot of angles that required a tuck here and a few inches there.

He had a profile that belonged in every Irish movie. If he'd wanted to disappear, he could have lost himself in Dublin and never been heard from again.

He was the little man's man. Not some flossy guy who boomed so when he talked you had to field him with hands over your ears. Not some genius always appearing deep in strategic thought, like whether to bunt or go for the big inning. Nor some crusty old dude who looked about as approachable as an open elevator shaft.



### —Never Far From Chester

Danny always was approachable because he looked like part of the crowd. He was never the kind to fly off to Cannes or Biarritz with some crooner in a private jet when the season was done. Never played the pro-ams with a Vice President. Never spent much time lolling around poolside with starlets.

One winter he went home to Chester and worked in a clothing store. Mainly, he went home from Pittsburgh and became just plain Danny, the old shoe.

That was another thing, he never got far away from Chester even when he was out of town. I mean, he seemed to have the idea that since the place was kind enough to let him be born there, the least he could do was show his appreciation. Born there, married Kathleen Patricia Clark there, had their kids there, and their kids had their kids there, always went home there, and died there.

There was something so downright American about Danny Murtaugh it makes you want to cry to think that he's gone.

Nobody took him seriously as a manager, even after he became one. Joe Brown saw it in him and hired him to manage Pittsburgh's farm club in New Orleans. Joe never lost the faith even

when the team blew the pennant in the last week of the season. The Orleanians, who'll bet on anything that has a pulse, hooted him out of town, but Joe, now in Pittsburgh, picked him right up again as a coach.

### —Brown Called, Danny Answered

When Joe tapped him to finish out a season that Bobby Bragan started, it was assumed Murtaugh was for the interim only. He simply looked too much the coaching type, the understudy, to fit the heavy role of manager.

He fit it so snugly that every time Joe Brown needed help, it was Murtaugh he turned to. By the time their little act was over, Murtaugh had set a record by managing the same club four different times. Brown kept calling and he kept answering.

He should have taken note in 1964, when he "retired" because of a heart attack. When Harry Walker was booted three years later, he felt so good he came back. When Bill Virdon lost his personal war with the troops, the phone rang again. It was Joe Brown calling and Danny answering again. This time it was to be his last ride.

The little guy won the championship in the improbable World Series of 1960, when the Yankees finally got taken down in a repetition of spectacles. It



Bob Moose



Luke Quay

Pitcher Bob Moose was killed in an auto accident on October 9th. He had achieved fame by hurling a no-hitter against the Mets in 1969 and he astounded Baseball circles by his remarkable recovery from surgery for the removal of a blood clot under his right shoulder midway through the '74 season, coming back to make valuable contributions in 1975 and 1976 after doctors predicted he would never pitch again. Courage was one quality Bob had in abundance. "He had the guts of a burglar on the mound the way he challenged the hitters," recalled Willie Stargell. Moose's grief-stricken teammates promptly set up a fund for five-year-old April Moose's education.

Few writers enjoyed the respect of and rapport with the players as did Luke Quay, Sports Editor of the McKeesport (Pa.) Daily News. Luke covered the Pirates regularly at home and on the road since 1958, and he was one of the official scorers at Forbes

Field and Three Rivers Stadium. A kind and decent individual, he typified what the ballplayers call "class"; and he exerted a very positive influence on the Pittsburgh sports scene. Luke died of a heart attack on July 7th.

To sports fans all over the country, Al Abrams was synonymous with Pittsburgh. Few people in his field were as well-known or as highly-regarded, and his unexpected death on March 3rd cast a gloom over the city he firmly believed was "someplace special". Long-time sports editor of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the driving force behind the Dapper Dan charity, he had the unique knack of putting things in their proper perspective. Al saw only the good in the athletes about whom he wrote, and his style was to treat everyone as though he or she were someone special. Actually, it was Al Abrams who was indeed, a very special person.

was looking like a fluke until Danny's third time around. This time the Pirates beat Baltimore when Steve Blass and Roberto Clemente formed a heroic corporation.

The older he grew, the better Murtaugh managed. He was first in his division four of his last six seasons, and I suppose the more he won, the more he liked what he was doing.

When the Pirates made their last stop of the season in Atlanta, the final trouble was etched in Murtaugh's face. He was 59, but looked 70. He'd come back once too often and stayed too long.

He was always a little careless with his tobacco juice, and this time when he spat, he grinned. "See, I've lost my aim," he said. "I can't even hit your shoes any more."

Soon as the season ended, he said that was his last run. He said he wanted to go home and spend time with the grandchildren. Dammit, they're the biggest losers. He had a stroke and died last week, and as he went, his grandchildren and American sport lost one genuine soul.



Al Abrams

# 1976 Season in Review



April 6



April 10



Courtesy Paul H. Roedig

The exhibition game of April 6 was a bellwether of things to come, as Frankie Taveras excited the Bradenton populace with an inside-the-park home-run against the Cardinals.

The Pirates opened the 1976 season on April 10th as the defending National League East Champions and closed out the year on October 3rd, nine games behind the Phillies; but in between was some of the most exciting Baseball Pirate fans had seen in years.

The team that took the field against the Phillies on Opening Day resembled the club that had participated in the Championship Series the previous October. Hebner, Taveras, Stennett and Stargell made up the infield; Zisk, Oliver and Parker comprised the outfield and Manny Sanguillen was back behind the plate. The starter was Doc Medich, in a Pirate uniform for the first time after being obtained from the Yankees in the off-season for another Dock—Ellis, Willie Randolph and George Brett. Danny Murtaugh again was the Buc manager.

It was expected that the '76 Pirates, nicknamed "The Lumber Company", would continue to terrorize opponent pitching; and it was felt that the underrated pitching staff would also prove formidable as the season progressed.

The Opener with the cross-state Phil-

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April 11

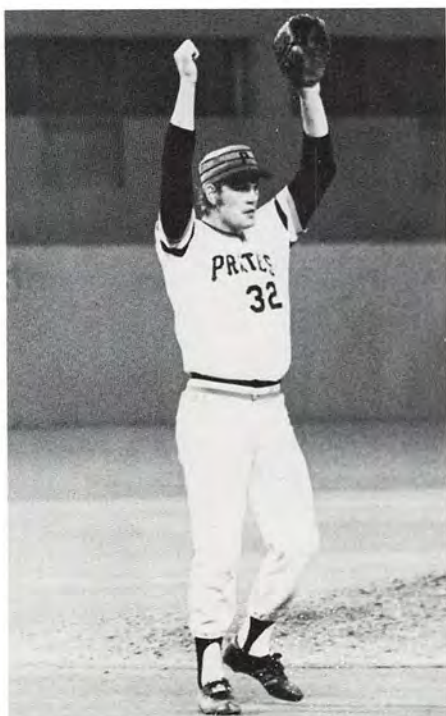
lies set the tone for the season, and was a harbinger of the intense rivalry between these two teams that was to develop and intensify as the season progressed. The Bucs defeated the Phils, 5-4, the pivotal point in the game being this crushing ninth inning home plate collision between Dave Parker and the Phils' catcher, Johnny Oates, in which the latter suffered a broken collar bone and ultimately missed two months of the season. Parker's aggres-



April 15

sive base-running is typical of the way the 6 foot, 5 inch, 220 pounder attacks the game.

The following day the Pirates again downed the Phils, but this time the drama occurred before the game and in the stands along third base rather than on the field. Pirate hurler Doc Medich, en route to the dugout from the bullpen, spotted a fan who appeared to be experiencing a seizure. Medich vaulted the railing and went to



April 16



April 25

the man's aid, applying artificial respiration and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The role of a doctor was not a strange one for Medich. A Pitt medical student in the off-season, he knew exactly what first aid techniques to utilize.

On April 15 the Bucs got even with an old nemesis, Al Hrabosky. With two men on base in the seventh, "The Mad Hungarian" took the mound for the Cards and was promptly greeted with back-to-back homeruns by Al Oliver and Willie Stargell.

The following night Doc Medich defeated the Mets, 3-1 for his first win as a Pirate.

On April 25 John Candelaria served notice that he was ready to take his place as one of the Bucs' stoppers. He put the skids to a four game losing streak with a two-hit shutout over the Mets, and the Pirates clung to first place by one-half game over the Phillies.

Willie Stargell's diving stop of Ed Halicki's second inning drive with two on stopped a Giant rally on May 5, and Oliver's 3 for 3 performance, including a homerun and two RBI's, led the Pirates to a 6-1 win.

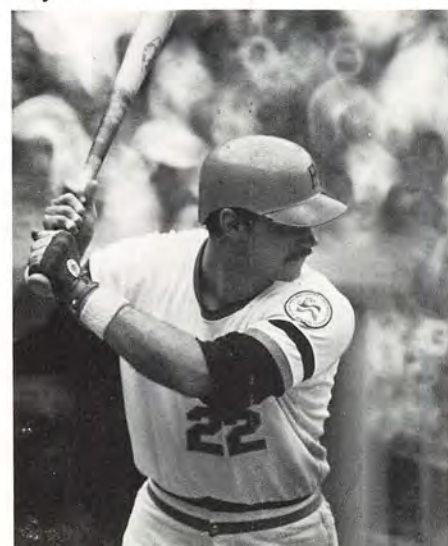
Two days later it was Richie Zisk's turn to excel in the field. His fine catch of Henderson's drive off the wall in the second saved a 3-1 win over Atlanta.

On May 9 it was Manny Sanguillen who contributed a fielding gem. This outstanding catch of Earl Williams' pop foul was a major contribution to a 5-2



May 5

May 7



May 9

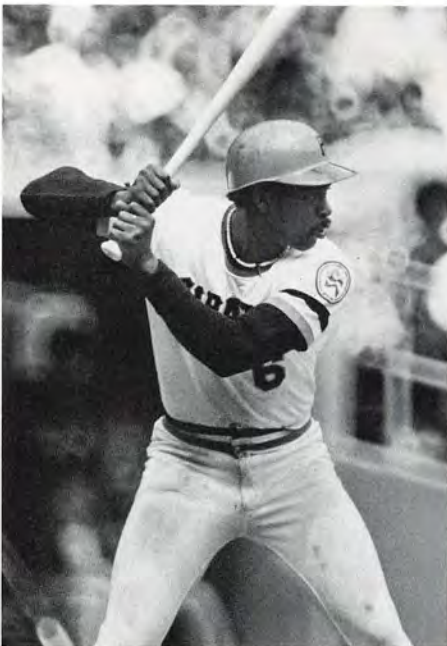




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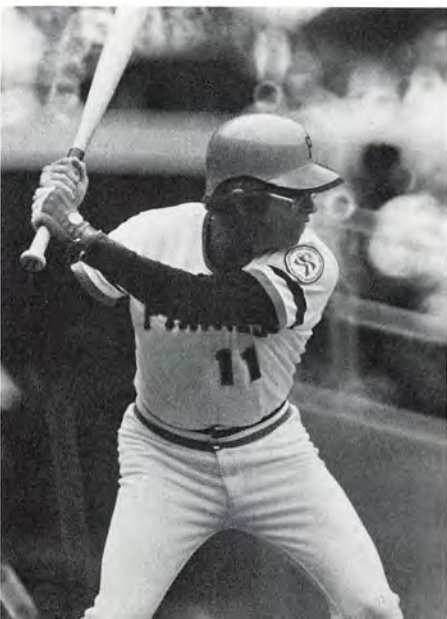


May 19



May 21

May 22



defeat of Atlanta.

Duffy Dyer also came through with a great catch of Ted Simmons' foul in the Pirate dugout and Bill Robinson's homerun was the margin of victory as the Bucs downed the Cardinals, 2-1 on May 17 to stay 2½ games back of the Phils.

Robinson continued to play the hero's role the following day with a 2-out, 3-run homer off Al Hrabosky. Two more outstanding fielding plays kept the Bucs in the game awaiting Robby's ninth inning heroics. Oliver's leaping stab robbed Reggie Smith of a first inning homerun and Richie Hebner wiped out Lou Brock with a fielding gem in the eighth.

The next day (May 19) the Bucs overcame a 5-run Cardinal deficit in the last two innings. Rennie Stennett's game-tying double and Duffy Dyer's game-winning single were the key Buc blows.

The box score on May 21 listed, as umpires, Cohen, Betcher, Schratz and Guckert. When the assigned National League umpires refused to cross a vendors' picket line outside Three Rivers Stadium, four amateur arbiters were pressed into service; and they did a professional job.

Mario Mendoza, who is usually known for his defensive prowess, came through with a 16th inning sacrifice fly which tallied the tie-breaker the following night, a 4-3 win over Chicago.



May 24

A loss to the Expos on May 24 dropped the Pirates 4½ back of the Phils, but Bob Moose continued to excel in relief as he ran his scoreless streak to 24.1 innings.

Fisticuffs erupted when Stennett and the Expos' Tim Foli exchanged blows which emptied both benches following a play at second base on May 25.

Bob Robertson played only sporadically in 1976, but his 2-run homer on June 1 gave the Pirates a 3-2 win over the Mets.

Pitching with only three days rest, Bruce Kison downed the Expos 4-2 on June 2, but the red-hot Phillies maintained their 6½ game lead.

Despite three homeruns by Robinson on June 5, the Pirates were victimized by the Padres, 11-9 in 15 innings.

The Pirates lost to the Padres again on June 6 despite this sensational play by Taveras to force Merv Rettenmund at second.



May 25



June 1



June 2



June 5



June 6



June 7



June 10

June 12



June 13



A major-league record-tying seven homeruns, all with the bases empty, highlighted the Pirates' thrilling 5-4 victory over the Reds on June 7. Pinch hitter Richie Zisk's blow in the 8th decided it, with Oliver, Stargell and Robinson also homering for the Bucs. Joe Morgan hit two and Pete Rose one for the Redlegs.

The June 10 Pirate-Reds game went off on schedule, but only after a swarm of bees were removed by a beekeeper from the visitors' bullpen. Home plate umpire Bob Engel was bothered by an occasional stray.

Oliver's two-run 11th inning double gave the Pirates a 4-2 win over the Braves on June 12.

Parker's two-out ninth inning triple led the Pirates to an exciting 6-5 victory over Atlanta on June 13, but the Phils still led by 7.

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# The Relievers

To paraphrase a TV commercial, "Relief is just a phone call away," and to the Pirates in 1976, relief was generally spelled TEKULVE. The slender, improved righthander was one of the more pleasant surprises for Danny Murtaugh last season as "Teke" appeared in 64 games, winning five and saving nine. Basically a sidearm pitcher, Kent also came overhand on occasion to further confuse the opposition. Ed Bouchette of the McKeesport (Pa.) Daily News wrote, "Tekulve doesn't look the part, but he has been the Iron Man of the Pirates' drive for the division title." Perhaps Tekulve's attitude toward Baseball explains his success. "I'll play this game until they take the uniform away from me."

To bolster the bullpen for 1977, three relief pitchers were obtained during the off-season.

Rich Gossage, the American League's Fireman of the Year in 1975, was obtained from the White Sox along with Terry Forster for Richie Zisk and Silvio Martinez. Converted to a starter last season, Gossage's

record dropped to 9-17, but Tanner remembers the contribution made by the hard-throwing right-hander as a White Sox reliever from 1972-75.

Although plagued by arm miseries the past two seasons, Forster also was chosen A.L. Fireman of the Year—his award coming in 1974. Tanner zestfully recalls Forster as another flame-throwing lefty who gave up few homeruns and who could go to the well as often as he was called upon. A healthy Terry Forster could give the Bucs the best pitching staff in Baseball.

Left hander Grant Jackson came to the Pirates by way of Seattle, having been selected by the Mariners in the A.L. expansion draft. The Bucs sent infielders Craig Reynolds and Jimmy Sexton to the new A.L. West Coast entry in return for Jackson's contract. He was 1-1 with Baltimore last season and 6-0 with the Yankees, for whom he compiled a 1.68 ERA. Jackson's finest year was 1969, when he won 14 for the Philadelphia Phillies.



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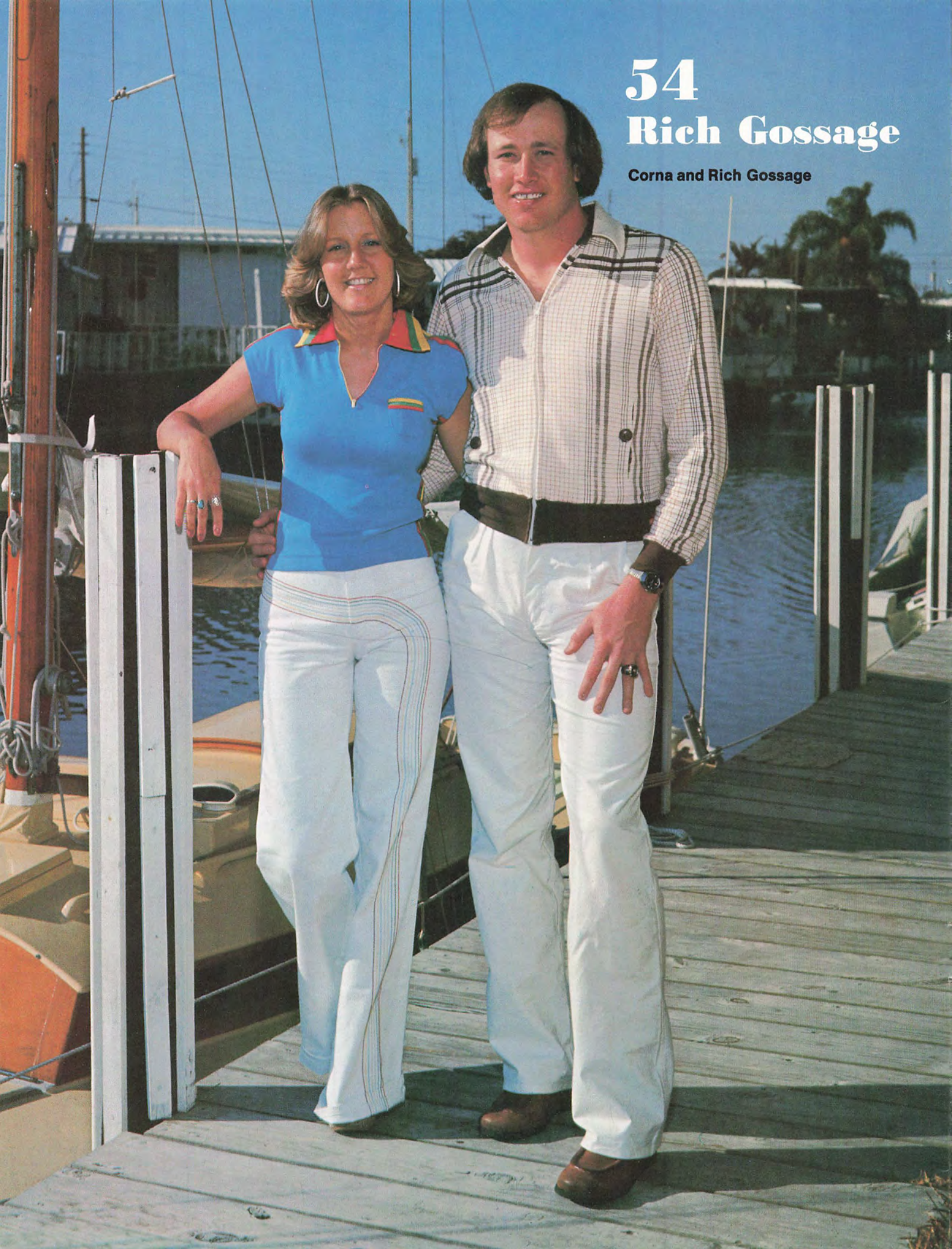
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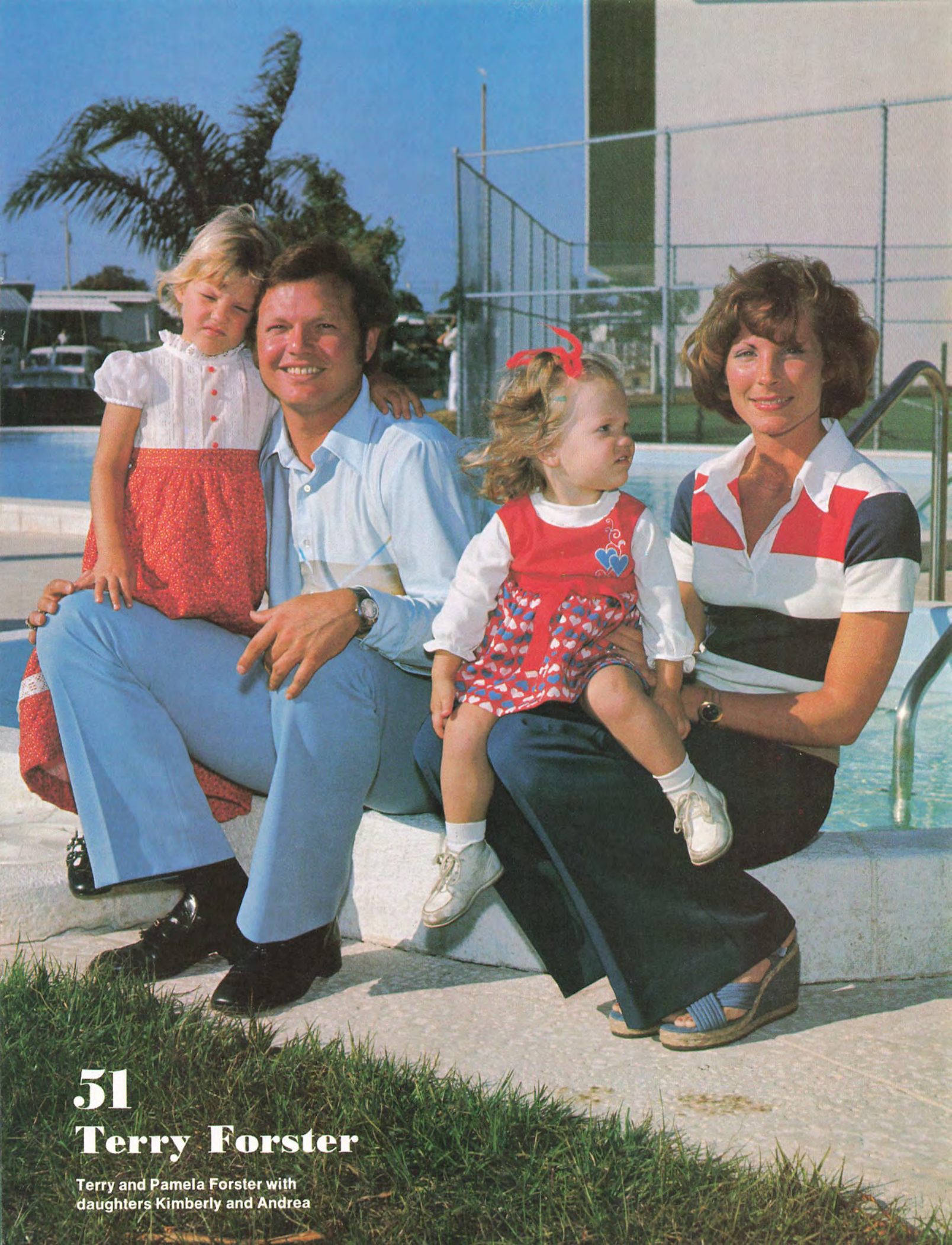
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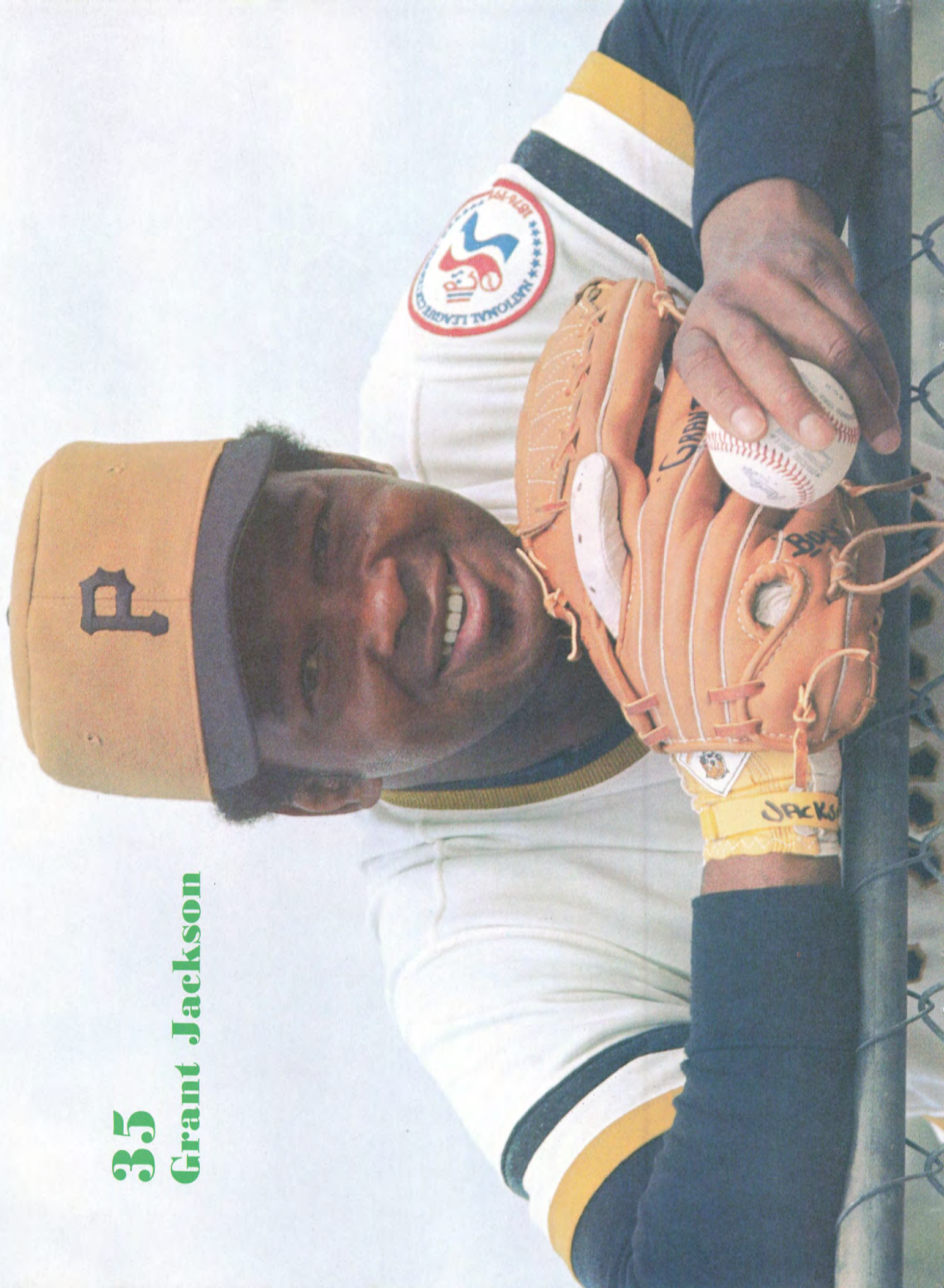


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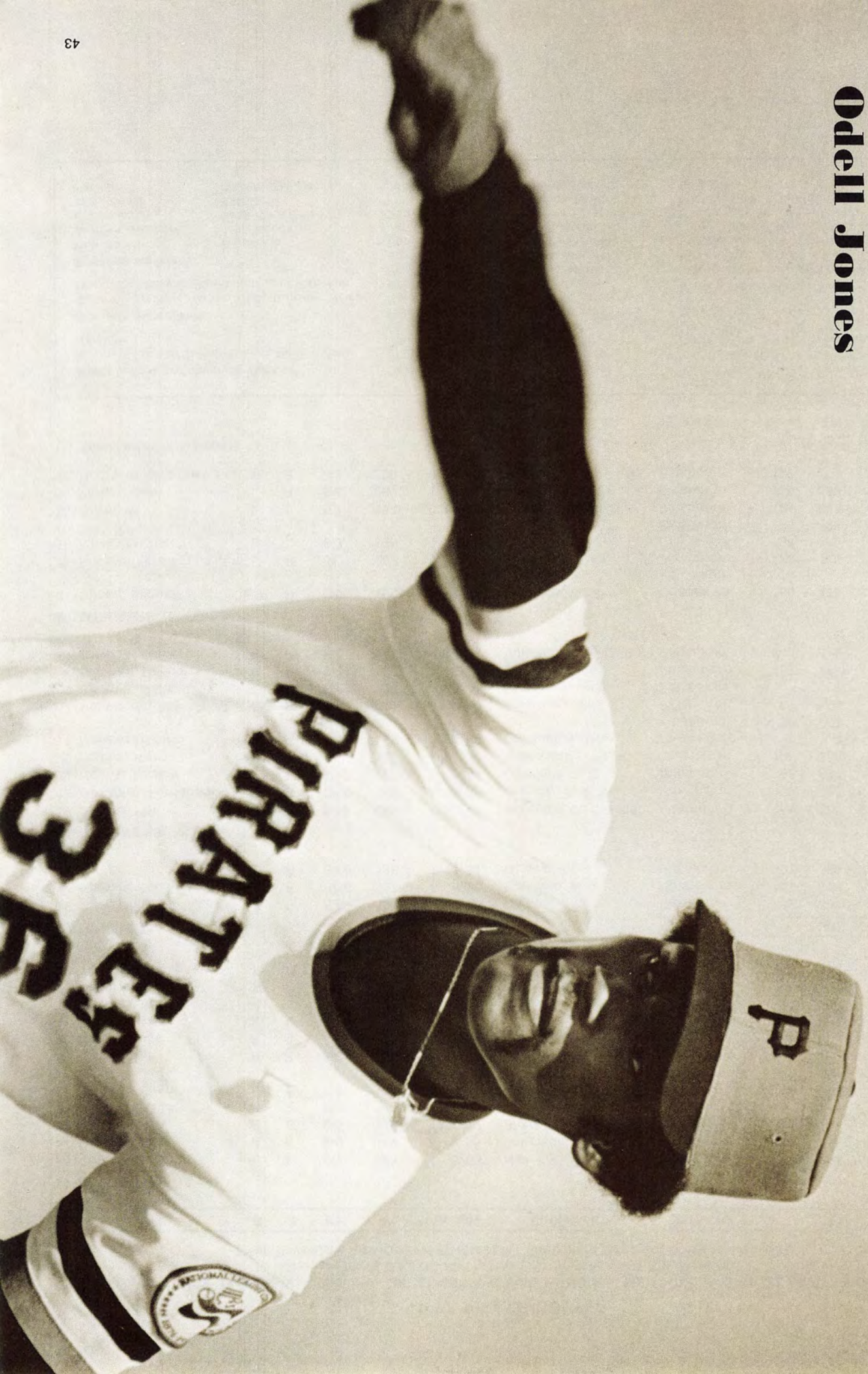
Terry and Pamela Forster with  
daughters Kimberly and Andrea

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**Grant Jackson**



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**Odell Jones**



# 1977 PIRATE ROSTER

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Trainer: **TONY BARTIROME**—Traveling Secretary: **CHARLEY MUSE**

Team Physician: **DR. JOSEPH FINEGOLD**—Equipment Manager: **JOHN HALLAHAN**

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54	Gossage, Rich	R	R	6-3	190	7/ 5/51	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Chicago (AL)	31	224	9	17	3.94
35	Jackson, Grant	L	L	6-0	190	9/28/42	Fostoria, Ohio	Baltimore (AL)	13	19	1	1	5.21
								New York (AL)	21	59	6	0	1.68
36	Jones, Odell*	R	R	6-3	170	1/13/53	Tulare, Calif.	Charleston	16	83	2	7	4.95
25	Kison, Bruce	R	R	6-4	176	2/18/50	Pasco, Wash.	Pittsburgh	31	193	14	9	3.08
41	Reuss, Jerry	L	L	6-5	219	6/19/49	St. Louis, Mo.	Pittsburgh	31	209	14	9	3.53
19	Rooker, Jim	R	L	6-0	197	9/23/42	Lakeview, Ore.	Pittsburgh	30	199	15	8	3.35
27	Tekulve, Kent	R	R	6-4	165	3/ 5/47	Cincinnati, Ohio	Pittsburgh	64	103	5	3	2.45
47	Whitson, Eddie*	R	R	6-3	195	5/19/55	Johnson City, Tenn.	Salem	26	203	15	9	2.53

## CATCHERS (3)

									G	AB	HR	RBI	Ave.
5	Dyer, Duffy	R	R	6-0	197	8/15/45	Dayton, Ohio	Pittsburgh	69	184	3	9	.223
34	Nicosia, Steve*	R	R	5-10	187	8/ 6/55	Paterson, N. J.	Charleston	117	378	8	49	.262
14	Ott, Ed	L	R	5-10	198	7/11/51	Muncy, Pa.	Pittsburgh	27	39	0	5	.308

## INFELDERS (9)

17	Garner, Phil	R	R	5-10	185	4/30/49	Jefferson City, Tenn.	Oakland	159	555	8	74	.261
12	Gonzalez, Fernando	R	R	5-10	165	6/19/50	Arecibo, P. R.	Charleston	119	443	13	70	.321
24	Helms, Tommy	R	R	5-10	177	5/ 5/41	Charlotte, N.C.	Pittsburgh	62	87	1	13	.276
29	Macha, Ken*	R	R	6-2	205	9/29/50	Wilkesburg, Pa.	Charleston	126	458	14	77	.301
11	Mendoza, Mario	R	R	5-11	185	12/26/50	Chihuahua, Mex.	Charleston	7	29	2	4	.207
								Pittsburgh	50	92	0	12	.185
7	Robertson, Bob	R	R	6-1	210	10/ 2/46	Frostburg, Md.	Pittsburgh	61	129	2	25	.217
8	Stargell, Willie	L	L	6-2½	228	3/ 6/41	Earlsboro, Okla.	Pittsburgh	117	428	20	65	.257
6	Stennett, Rennie	R	R	5-11	179	4/ 5/51	Colon, Panama	Pittsburgh	157	654	2	60	.257
10	Taveras, Frank	R	R	6-0	168	12/24/50	Villa Vasquez, D. R.	Pittsburgh	144	519	0	24	.258

## OUTFIELDERS (6)

37	Dilone, Miguel*	L/R	R	6-0	160	11/ 1/54	Santiago, D. R.	Charleston	100	408	1	17	.336
								Pittsburgh	16	17	0	0	.235
23	Kirkpatrick, Ed (also i.f.-c)	L	R	6-0	202	10/ 8/44	Spokane, Wash.	Pittsburgh	83	146	0	16	.233
18	Moreno, Omar*	L	L	6-3	175	10/24/52	Puerto Armuelles, Pan.	Charleston	94	330	3	36	.315
								Pittsburgh	48	122	2	12	.270
16	Oliver, Al	L	L	6-1	197	10/14/46	Portsmouth, Ohio	Pittsburgh	121	443	12	61	.323
39	Parker, Dave	L	R	6-5	230	6/ 9/51	Cincinnati, Ohio	Pittsburgh	138	537	13	90	.313
28	Robinson, Bill (also i.f.)	R	R	6-3	200	6/26/43	Elizabeth, Pa.	Pittsburgh	122	393	21	64	.303

(\*) Qualifies as M.L. Rookie

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4/17	2:00pm	St. Louis	5/31	7:30pm	Philadelphia	7/3	1:00pm	Philadelphia	8/7	2:00pm	Cincinnati
4/22	8:00pm	New York	6/1	7:30pm	Philadelphia	7/12	7:30pm	Montreal	8/26	10:00pm	San Diego
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# The Receivers

Duffy Dyer's contribution to the 1976 Pirates far exceeded his .223 batting average and 9 RBI's. The popular back-up catcher obtained from the Mets came through with several key hits for the Bucs, especially against his former teammates; and he performed yeoman duty behind the plate late in the season when Sangy was sidelined with a bruised shoulder. He possesses a quick, accurate arm and a thorough knowledge of the game. An excellent handler of pitchers, (he was behind the plate for Candelaria's no-hit-

ter), he has developed a fine rapport with the staff. Duffy adds a "touch of class" to the Pirate family.

Ed Ott raised more than a few eyebrows with his performance in 1976. A recently converted outfielder, Ed was quick to adjust to a catcher's role and he hit .308 in 39 at bats. "I was dead-set against catching at first," explained Ott. "I thought I was making good progress as an outfielder. Then I started looking around. There were Zisk, Parker and Oliver—three pretty good reasons for my donning the catcher's gear."



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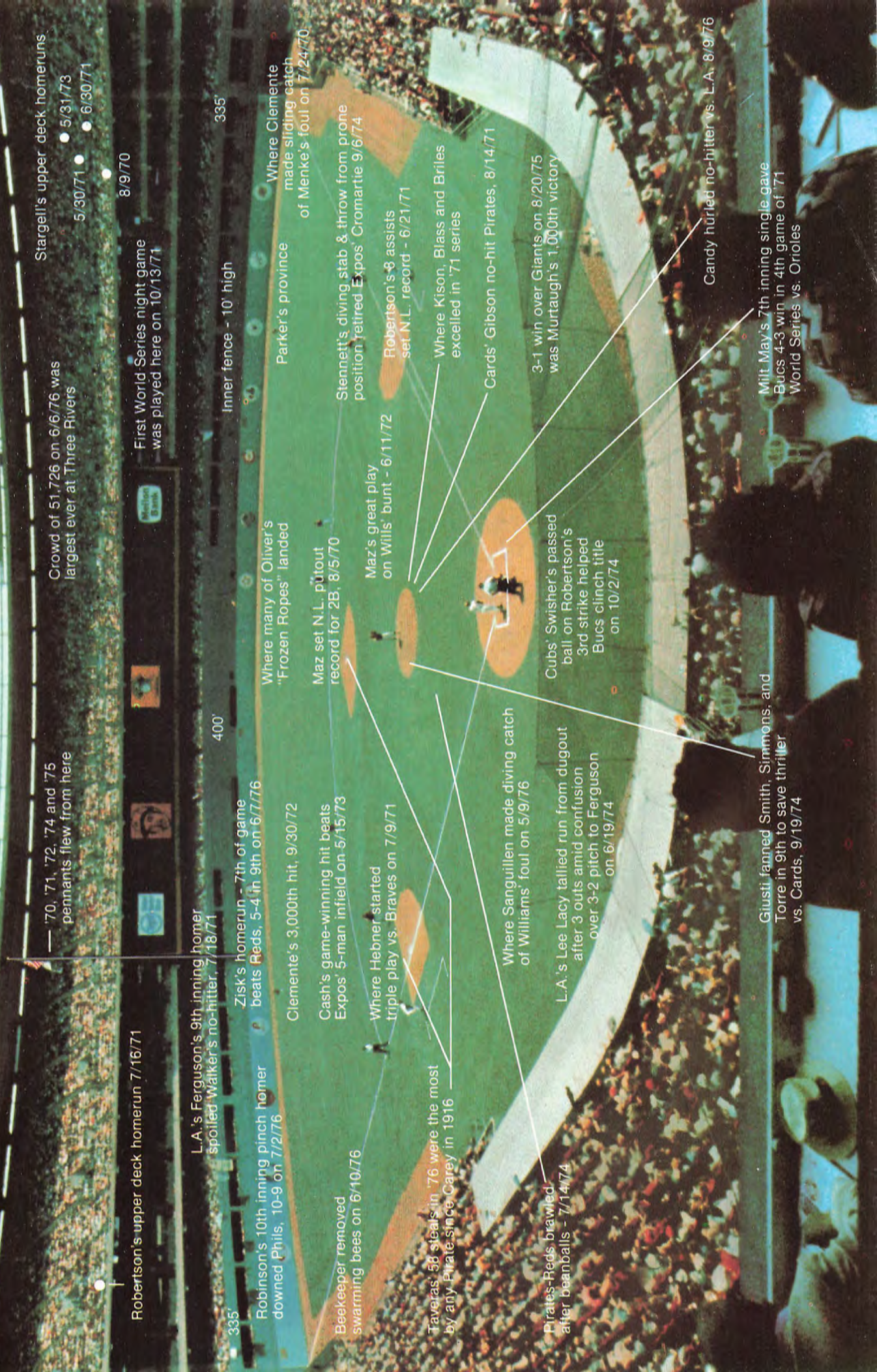


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L.A.'s Ferguson's 9th inning homer spoiled Walker's no-hitter, 7/18/71

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Robinson's 10th inning pinch homer downed Phils, 10-9 on 7/2/76

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Zisk's homerun - 7th of game beats Reds, 5-4 in 9th on 6/7/76

Clemente's 3,000th hit, 9/30/72

Cash's game-winning hit beats Expos' 5-man infield on 5/15/73

Where Hebner started triple play vs. Braves on 7/9/71

Bleeker removed swarming bees on 6/10/76

Taveras' 50 steals in '76 were the most by any Pirate since Carey in 1916

Where Sanguillen made diving catch of Williams' foul on 5/9/76

L.A.'s Lee Lacy tallied run from dugout after 3 outs amid confusion over 3-2 pitch to Ferguson on 6/19/74

Pirates-Reds brawled after beanballs - 7/14/74

Inner fence - 10' high

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Where many of Oliver's "Frozen Ropes" landed

Maz set N.L. putout record for 2B, 8/5/70

Maz's great play on Wills' bunt - 6/11/72

Where Clemente made sliding catch of Menke's foul on 7/24/70

Parker's province

Stennett's diving stab & throw from prone position 'retired' Expos' Cromartie 9/6/74

Robertson's 8 assists set N.L. record - 6/21/71

Where Kison, Blass and Briles excelled in '71 series

Cards' Gibson no-hit Pirates, 8/14/71

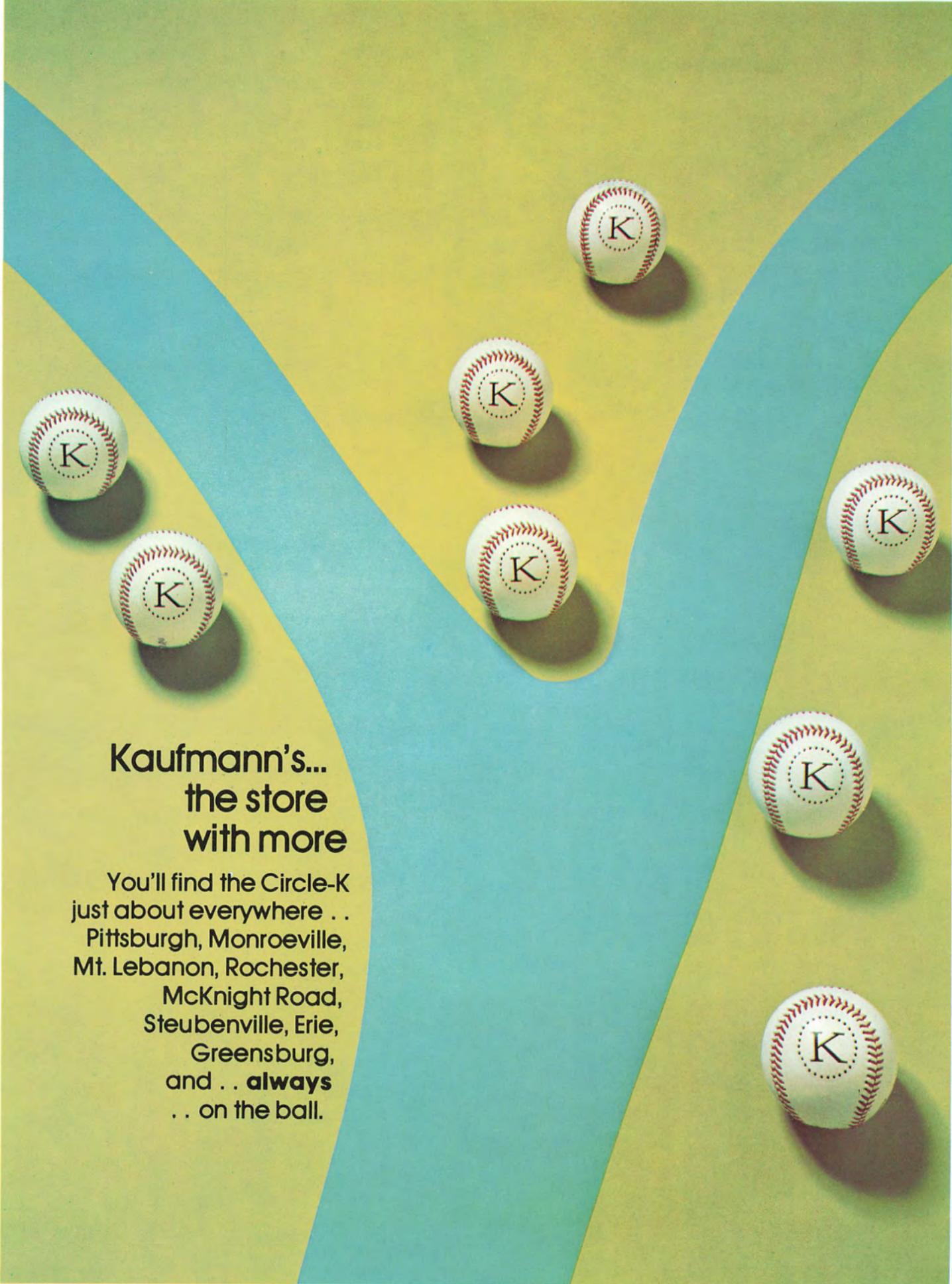
3-1 win over Giants on 8/20/75 was Murtaugh's 1,000th victory

Cubs' Swisher's passed ball on Robertson's 3rd strike helped Bucs clinch title on 10/2/74

Candy hurled no-hitter vs. L.A. 8/9/76

Giusti fanned Smith, Simmons, and Torre in 9th to save thriller vs. Cards, 9/19/74

Milt May's 7th inning single gave Bucs 4-3 win in 4th game of '71 World Series vs. Orioles



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# 1976 Season (continued)



June 15

Bud Bentley, Houston Post

Danny Murtaugh's injury-ridden "Lumber Company" lineup started only their 17th game and won their 14th, a 2-1 decision over Houston on June 14.

The Pirates never expected to suffer the ignominy of a rain-out in Houston's Astrodome, but that's exactly what happened on June 15. Actually, the playing field was dry, but flash-flooding inundated the streets and prevented fans from reaching the stadium.

In a slug-fest that produced five homers, Robinson came up as a pinch hitter in the 10th and connected for a four bagger to beat the Phillies, 10-9 on July 2.

In only his fourth start of the season, Larry Demery had a no-hitter for 6 $\frac{2}{3}$  innings and held on for a 4-1 win over Houston on July 21.

Hebner, in and out of the lineup with a bad back, smashed a 13th inning homerun to down the Mets 1-0 on July 28, but by now the Phillies, winning at an unbelievable pace, had opened up their lead to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  games.

Winning for the third straight time by one run in extra innings, the Pirates defeated the Expos, 4-3 on July 30th, as Sanguillen's single tallied Stargell.

Duffy Dyer's dramatic 2-out, 9th inning homer gave Jim Rooker and the Bucs a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals on August 3.



July 2



July 21

July 30



July 28

August 3





August 4



August 5



August 9

Courtesy Ed Morgan, Pittsburgh Press



August 14

With a burst of speed, Stennett beat the throw home on Parker's 12th inning grounder to give the Bucs a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals on August 4.

Despite Stargell's 10th career grand slam—this one off Matlack—the Mets triumphed over the Pirates, 7-4 on 8/5.

Highlight of the Pirate season was Candelaria's brilliant no-hitter against the Dodgers on August 9. It was the first no-hit, no-run game ever by a Pirate in Pittsburgh. Robinson's double provided the margin of victory, 2-0.

Mendoza's ninth inning double on August 14 gave the Bucs their second run of the inning and a 5-4 win over the Astros.

The low-point of the season came on August 24 when the Pirates lost to the Padres, 7-3 and fell 15½ games back of the rampaging Phillies.



August 25

The following day, however, Kison shut out the Padres, 3-0 while the Braves were defeating the Phils, 5-1 and the Pirates began a surge that came this close to being the greatest comeback in baseball history.

On August 27, Omar Moreno and Zisk led the Bucs to a 5-2 win over the Giants as the Reds dropped the Phillies and reduced the latter's 1st place margin to 14 games.

The following night Frank Taveras went 4 for 5 and stole his 46th base of the season to lead the Pirates to a 7-1 win over San Francisco. Coupled with the Phils' 8-7 loss to Cincinnati, the lead was reduced to 13 games.

On August 29, two 11th inning wild pitches by Randy Moffitt gave the Bucs a 3-2 win and kept their hopes alive while the Reds were beating the Phils, 6-5 to cut the deficit to 11½.

Allowing only four hits, Jerry Reuss outduelled Randy Jones on August 31 to give the Bucs their fifth win (and fifth complete game) in a row. The Philadelphians were losing again, this time to the Astros, 3-2 and their once seemingly insurmountable lead was now 10½ games.

On September 1 the Bucs tallied four unearned runs in the fourth and went on to defeat the Padres 4-1 for their sixth win in a row. Kison was the pitching and batting hero as well, driving in two runs. The Phils' lead was cut to 9½ games as Houston nudged them, 1-0.

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August 27

Morris Berman



August 28

Al Herrmann



August 31



September 1

# The Bench

Mario Mendoza is "Mr. Smooth" at shortstop. The personable Mexican with the gifted hands and the strong, accurate arm knows how to play the game. His ability to handle second and third as well as short adds versatility to the Pirate bench.

Long-recognized as one of the finest-fielding first basemen in the game because of his "soft hands", Bob Robertson is also one of the strongest. He owns the only left field upper deck homerun at Three Rivers Stadium. Plagued with knee problems throughout much of his career, he nevertheless ranks 10th on the Pirates' all-time list of homerun hitters; and he still holds five League Championship Series records resulting from his four homeruns against the Giants in 1971. His three-run homer following a missed bunt sign in the third game of the '71 World Series clinched the Pirate win.

Ed Kirkpatrick is a fine utility player who does a major league job at first and third, behind the plate or in the outfield. With the departure of Manny Sanguillen, Ed played winter ball in the Dominican to take a refresher course in catching techniques. He is also an excellent pinch-hitter, coming through with numerous timely hits while coming off the bench since joining the Bucs from Kansas City prior to the 1974 season.

Tommy Helms was re-acquired by the Pirates from Oakland during Spring Training. The popular utility

man had been obtained from Houston prior to the '76 season and had subsequently been sold to the A's following a year in which he appeared in 62 games, batting .276 for the Bucs.

Odell Jones was a candidate for the major league club a year ago until arm trouble relegated him to a mediocre season at Charleston. Coming off a strong showing in winter ball in which he won seven, lost four and led the Dominican League in strikeouts, the 24 year-old righty again appears ready for the majors. Possessed with a live arm, a good fast ball and excellent control, the further development of his curve ball will probably determine his Baseball future.

Wilksburg's Ken Macha came back strong with the Charleston Charlies in 1976 after an off-year in '75. Playing a new position (third base), he hit over .300 with 14 homeruns and 77 RBI's. 26 years old and a right-handed hitter, Macha is also an accomplished first baseman, catcher and outfielder.

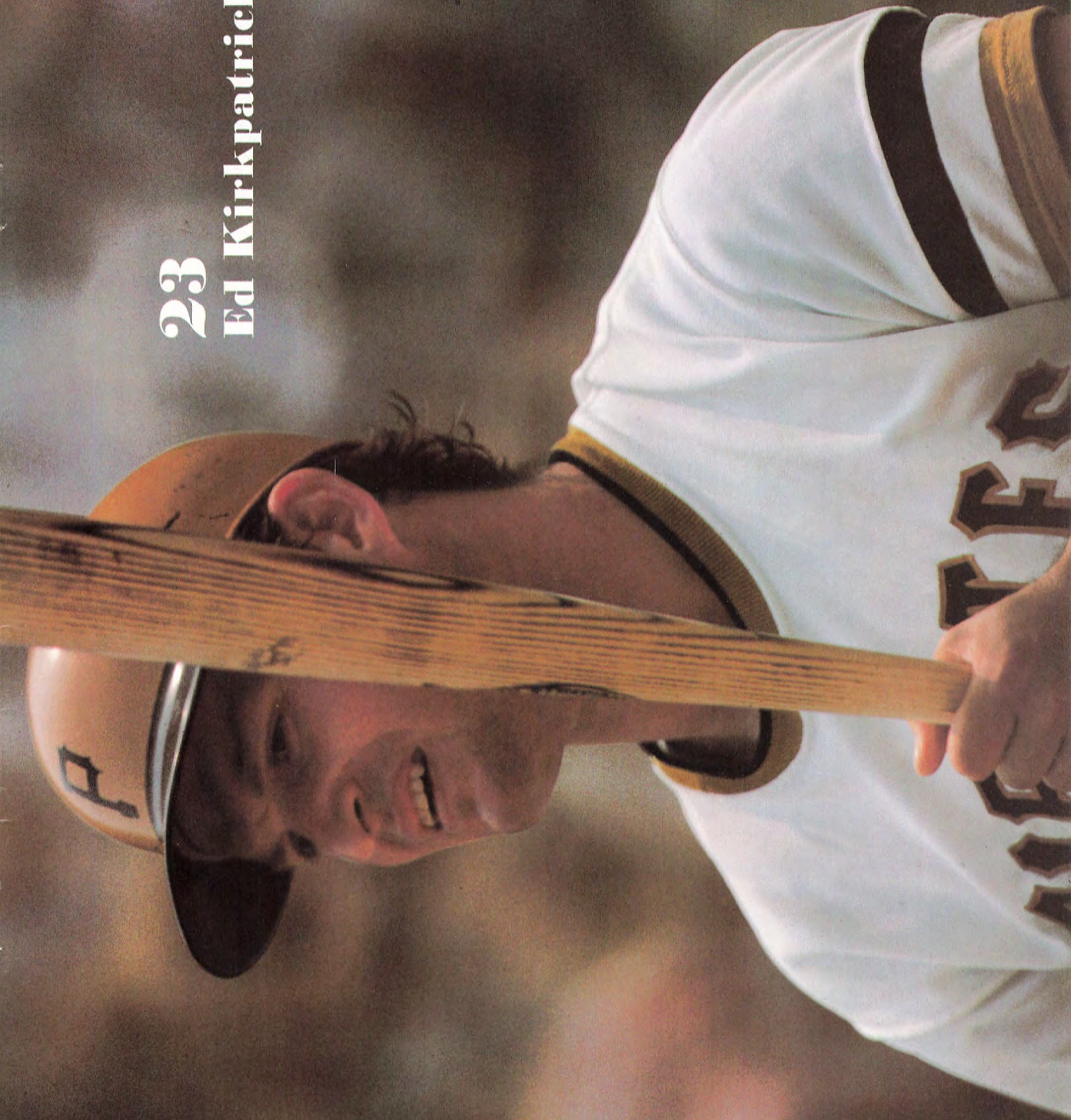
Fernando Gonzalez, is back in the Pirate organization after a two-year hiatus. A veteran at the age of 26, he played briefly for the Pirates in 1972 and again in 1973 before his trade to Kansas City and his subsequent sale to the Yankees. Fernando adds an element of versatility with his ability to play second, third and the outfield; but his forte is offense. He is a free swinger and line-drive hitter.

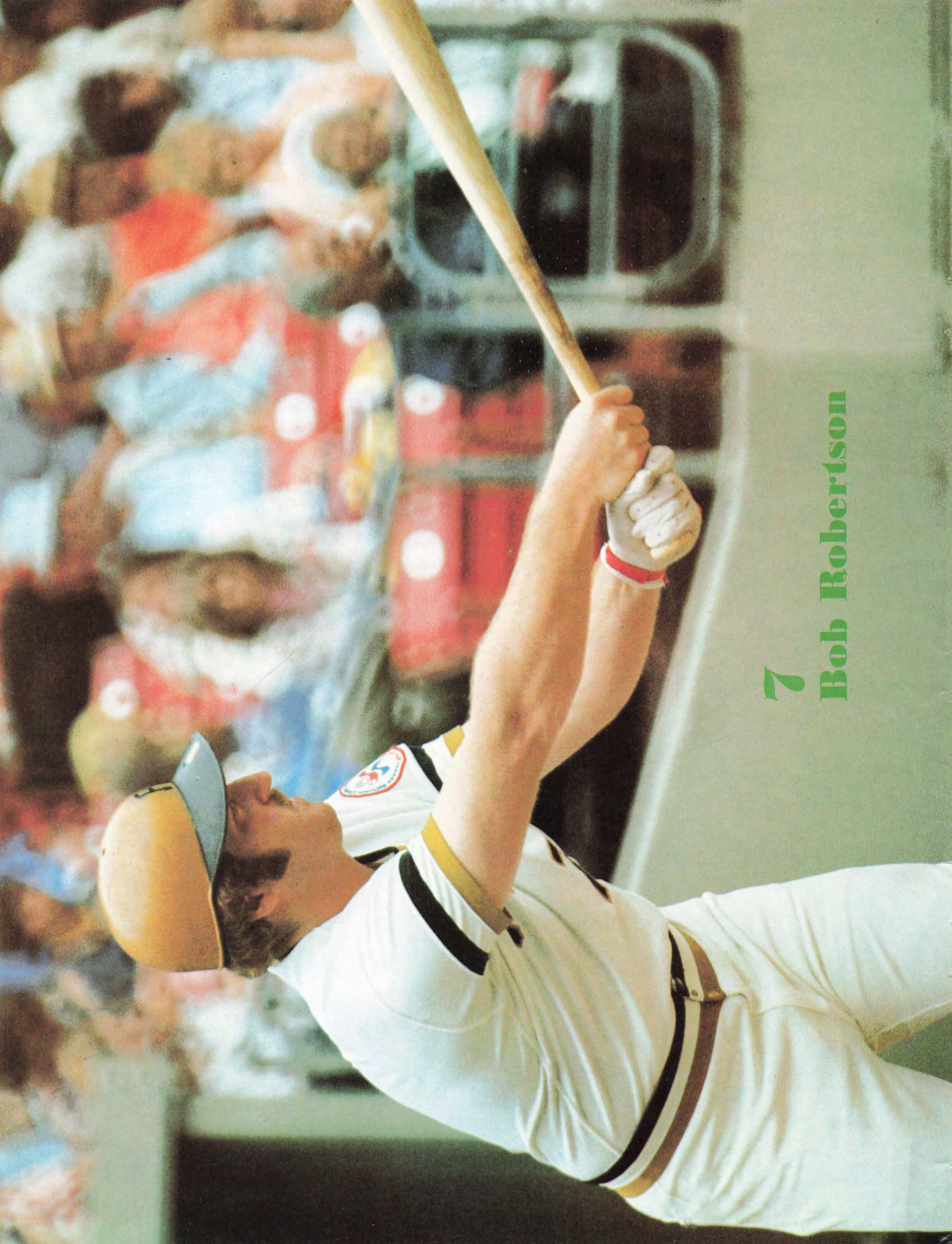
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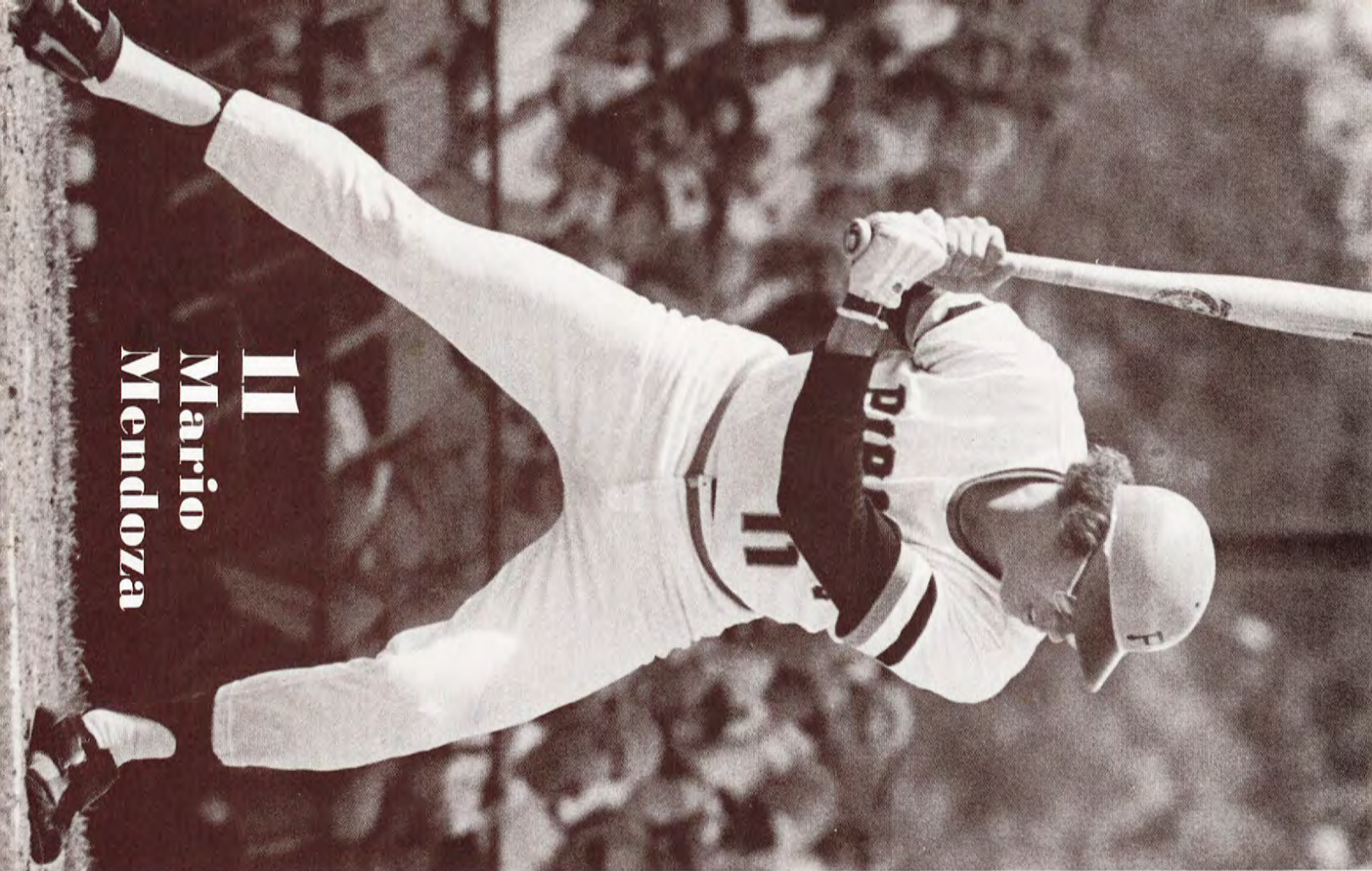
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September 2



September 3



September 4

September 6

Hebner stole home for the first time in 28 years on September 2 and Taveras added two more to back Demery's 5-hit shutout of the Padres, reducing the idle Phillies' lead to 9.

The Bucs extended their winning streak to nine with a 9-7 and 7-2 double-header sweep of the Expos on September 3. Taveras stole his 49th and 50th bases and with the Phils losing again, the Pirates now trailed by 7½.

The following night, the Bucs made it ten in a row by scoring three in the ninth to down the Expos, 5-3. Dave Giusti got the win in relief while Kent Tekulve recorded his seventh save of the season and was fast emerging as the Bucs' bullpen ace. The Phils lost again, this time to the Mets, 7-3; and

the Bucs were only 6½ back.

Their drive temporarily stalled by Woody Fryman's shutout the day before, the Pirates swept a key twin bill from the Phillies, 6-2 and 5-1 on September 6 behind Kison and Demery to cut the Phils' lead to 5½ games. 41,000 fans turned out at Three Rivers Stadium and suddenly there was pennant fever in the air. Robinson had the game-winning hits in both contests against his former teammates.

The Bucs swept the Phils' series on September 8 to pull within 4½ lengths as Hebner led the attack with four RBI's to support Jim Rooker's fine pitching. It was the Bucs' 13th win in their last 14 games and the Phils' 12th defeat in their last 14 outings. WTAE's Myron Cope began talking of a pos-



September 8





September 11

sible "Miracle at the Point".

On September 11 Reuss and Tekulve collaborated for a 4-3 defeat of Montreal while the Cubs were edging the Phils, 4-3 to reduce their lead to four games. The next night Tekulve recorded his 9th save and third of the week in a 6-1 win over Montreal.

Following two losses to the Mets, the Bucs traveled to Philadelphia on September 15 for head-to-head combat with the division leaders. Robinson and Zisk each hit his 20th homerun of the season and Parker added his 11th as the Lumber Company dropped the Phils, 7-2. The Phils lead was cut to five.

Robinson continued to plague his old teammates as he drove in four runs, three on a second-inning homer as the Bucs defeated the Phils, 7-6 on September 16. Stennett drove in the winning tally with two outs in the ninth, and the Bucs trailed by four.

Dyer followed Robinson's example from the day before as he too victimized his former ball club. Duffy had two key hits in support of Medich and Giusti as the Pirates dropped the Mets, 4-1 on September 17. They now trailed the Phils by only three games after compiling an amazing 18-4 record since August 24th, while the Phils were playing at a 6-17 pace over the same period.

The Pirates' gallant drive eventually ran out of gas and time, but there was still the opportunity for some individual heroics. Ed Ott, making his first start as a Pittsburgh catcher, because of injuries to Sanguillen and Dyer, doubled for a 10th inning run to beat the Cubs, 5-4 on September 23. The Bucs' surge had fallen short, but they had made it a season to remember.



September 15



September 16

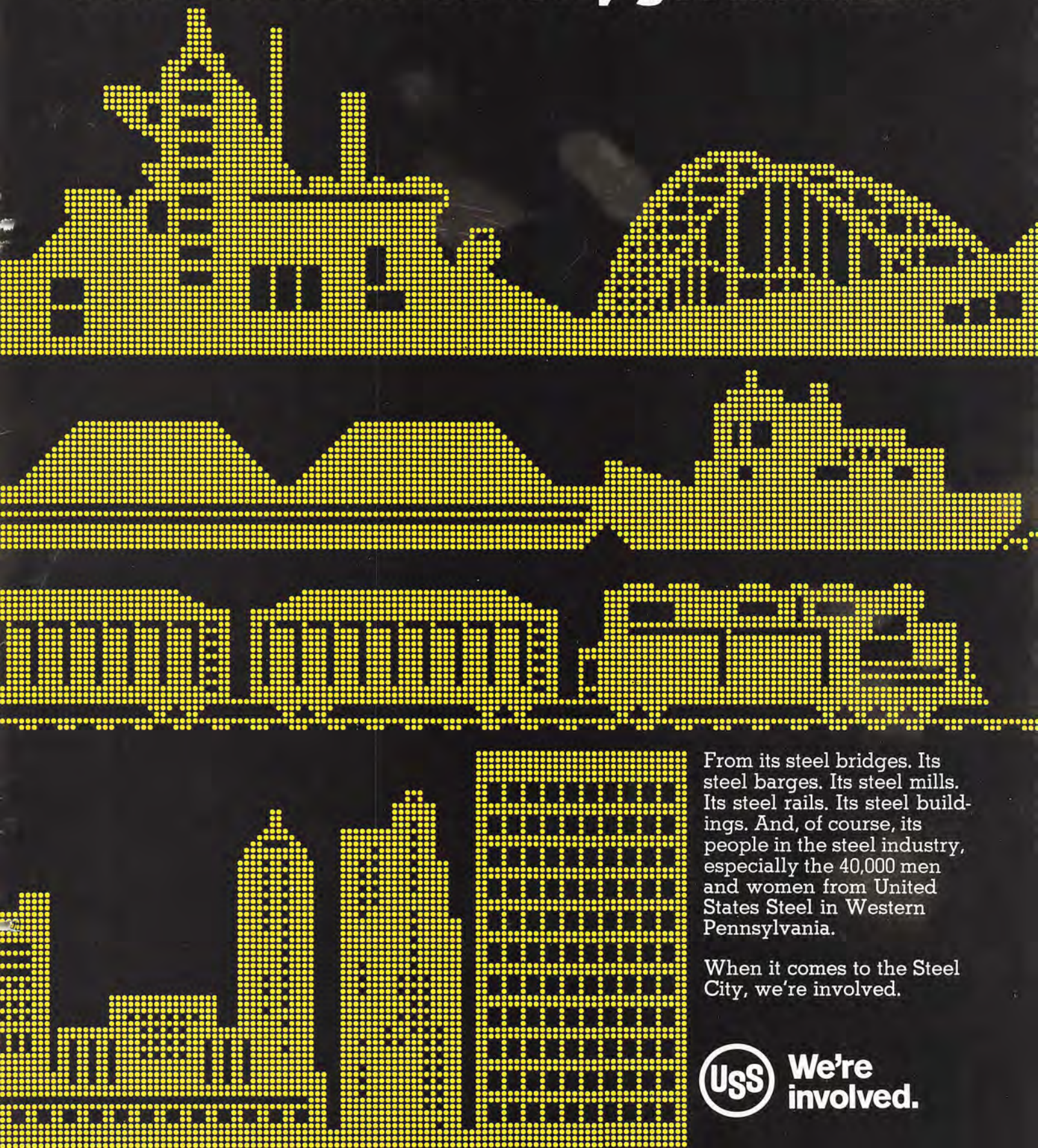


September 17



September 23

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